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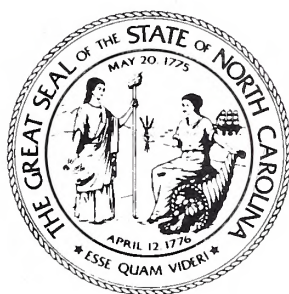


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*The Cover:* The Clay County Courthouse in Hayesville, North Carolina, a well-preserved example of vernacular Italianate architecture, was completed in 1889. The two-story brick structure features a square central tower, bracketed eaves and segmental arched windows typical of the Italianate style. Clay County (named after Henry Clay of Kentucky) is located in the far western, mountainous region of North Carolina.

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**RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Honorable Joseph Branch, Chief Justice  
The Supreme Court of North Carolina  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I herewith transmit the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, relating to the fiscal year, July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and writing required to produce this annual report. Within the Administrative Office of the Courts, principal responsibilities were shared by the Research and Planning Division and the Information Services Division. The principal burden of reporting the great mass of trial court data rested upon the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the one hundred counties of the State. The Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals provided the case data relating to our appellate courts.

Without the responsible work of many persons across the State this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Franklin E. Freeman, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr.  
*Director*

February, 1985



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## **PART I**

# **THE 1983-1984 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW**



## THE 1983-84 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

This *Annual Report* on the work of North Carolina's Judicial Department is for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1983 and ended June 30, 1984.

### The Workload of the Courts

As set out in more detail in Part II of this *Report*, case filings in the Supreme Court totalled 201 compared with 209 filed during 1982-83. A total of 541 petitions were filed in the Supreme Court, compared with 538 in 1982-83; and 69 petitions were allowed compared with 74 in 1982-83.

For the Court of Appeals for 1983-84, case filings were 1,314 compared with 1,398 for the 1982-83 year. Petitions in 1983-84 totalled 423, compared with 483 during the 1982-83 year.

More detailed data on the appellate courts is included in Part II of this Annual Report.

In the superior courts, case filings (civil and criminal) decreased by 5.8% to a total of 80,558 in 1983-84, compared with 85,488 cases in 1982-83. Superior court case dispositions also decreased, to a total of 80,290, compared with 84,797 in 1982-83. As case filings during the year exceeded case dispositions, the total number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 268, or 0.7%. Operations of the superior courts are summarized in Part II of this Report, and detailed information on the case-loads in the 100 counties and 34 judicial districts is presented in Part IV.

Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) during 1983-84 was 1,450,179, an increase of 4,608 cases (0.3%) from 1982-83 filings of 1,445,571 cases. The only area of the district court case-load to register an increase in 1983-84 over the previous fiscal year was the motor vehicle criminal case category, which had total filings of 768,403 cases in 1983-84, an increase of 5.5% over the 728,517 cases filed in 1982-83. There was a 5.5% drop in civil case filings from a total of 316,539 in 1982-83 to 298,996 in 1983-84. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 206,163 cases in 1982-83 to 194,321 cases in 1983-84. There was a small decrease of 248 cases in the domestic relations category.

### 1984 Legislative Highlights

#### Salaries

Judges, district attorneys, and clerks of court will now receive seniority pay of 14.4% (of base salary) after 15

years of service, and 19.2% upon completion of 20 years of service. (At the 1983 Session, seniority pay of 4.8% (of base salary) upon completion of five years of service and 9.6% upon completion of 10 years of service were authorized for these groups.

Public defenders, assistant public defenders, and assistant district attorneys are now authorized seniority pay of 4.8% (of base salary) upon completion of five years of service and 9.6% upon completion of 10 years of service; but these groups did not receive the 15- and 20-year incremental increases.

Basic changes were made for setting salaries of assistant and deputy clerks of court. Under the new method, employees in offices of clerks of superior court are classified in one of two categories: deputy clerks and assistant clerks. The deputies and assistants are then paid entirely on the basis of seniority and classification, in accord with a statutory schedule, with employees who begin work under the new plan reaching the maximum salary in 12 years. The maximum pay for deputy clerks is now \$19,716; and for assistant clerks, \$25,980.

Amendments approved by the 1984 Session significantly raised the salaries of superior court clerks. Those in counties with populations under 20,000 were raised from \$21,024 to \$30,000. Those in counties with populations over 200,000 were raised from \$39,492 to \$44,500. Those in counties between 20,000 and 200,000 in population received comparable raises.

Other nonelected personnel in the Judicial Department received a pay increase of 10 percent, in line with what was granted for State employees generally.

#### New Positions

Funding was provided for four additional superior court judgeships, four district court judgeships, seven magistrates, four assistant district attorneys, and 53 deputy clerk positions.

#### Appropriations for Judicial Department

At the 1984 short session, the General Assembly approved for the 1984-85 year a total of \$110,365,316 for operations of the Judicial Department, and \$10,670,475 for indigent representation fees.



## **PART II**

# **COURT SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS**

- **Historical Development of Court System**
- **Present Court System**
- **Organization and Operations in 1983-84**



## HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

### Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature", which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactment were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

### After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Court of Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little

distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court of Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County Court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

### After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime". The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (including the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — The County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum — was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the indi-

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vidual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

### Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 21 solicitorial districts. The 38 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county criminal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up

to a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

### Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local statutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate judicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th century counties.

### After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recommendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts were made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments received the backing of a majority of the

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members of each house, but not the three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the

people. It seems likely that this significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

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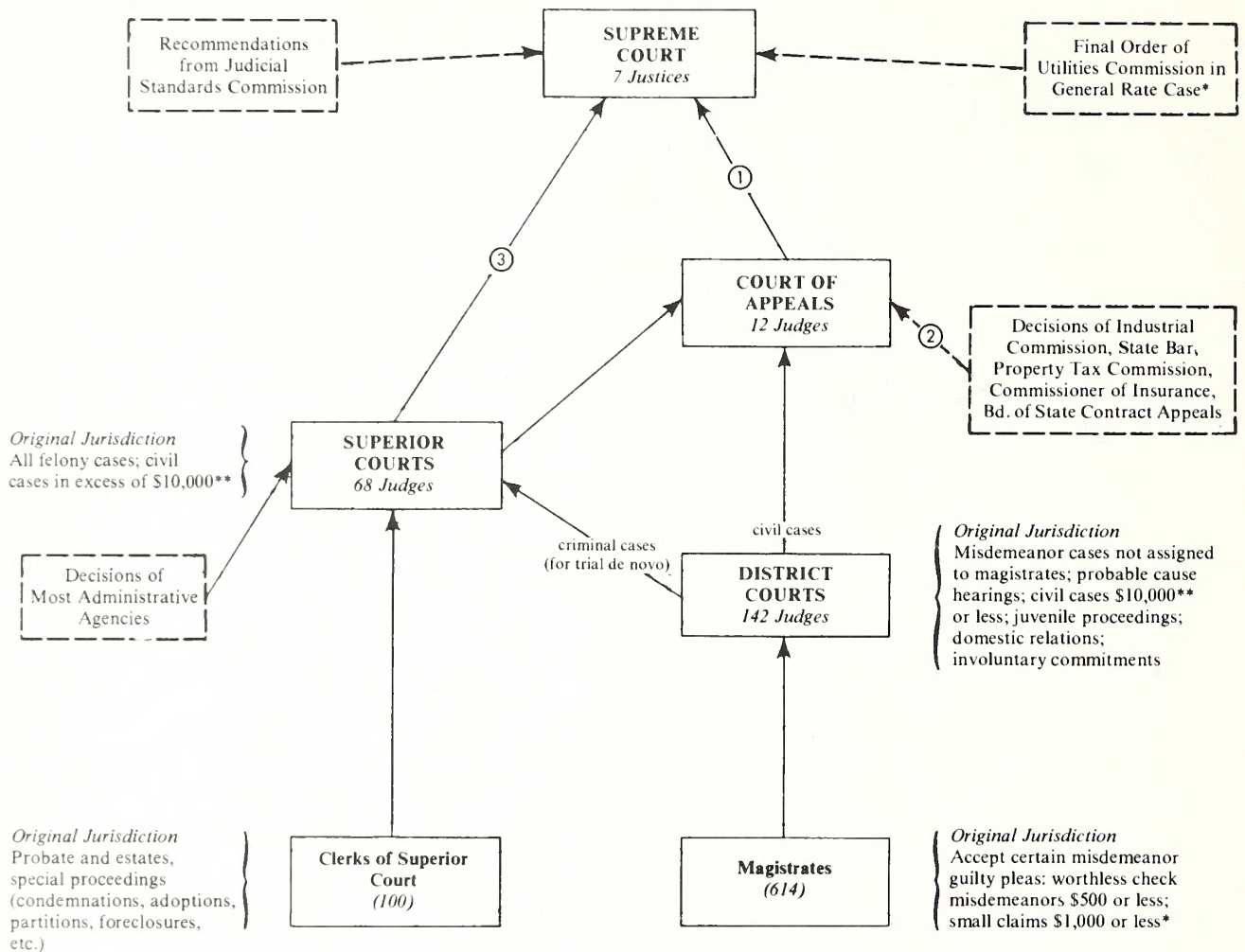
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## Original Jurisdiction and Routes of Appeal



- (1) Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in Utilities Commission general rate cases, cases involving constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions in cases of significant public interest or cases involving legal principles of major significance.
- (2) Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals.
- (3) As a matter of right, appeals go directly to the Supreme Court in criminal cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment, and in civil cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population. In all other cases appeal as of right is to the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may hear appeals directly from the trial courts in cases where delay would cause substantial harm or the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

\* Effective July 1, 1983, appeals in general rate cases go directly to Supreme Court instead of Court of Appeals.

\*\* The district and superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction in civil actions (G.S. 7A-242). However, the district court division is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less; and the superior court division is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000 (G.S. 7A-243).

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Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution establishes the General Court of Justice which "shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration, and shall consist of an Appellate Division, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division."

The Appellate Division is comprised of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Superior Court Division is comprised of the superior courts which hold sessions in the county seats of the 100 counties of the State. The counties are grouped into judicial districts (34 at the present time), and one or more superior court judges are elected for each of the judicial districts. A clerk of the superior court for each county is elected by the voters of the county.

The District Court Division is comprised of the district courts. The General Assembly is authorized to divide the State into a convenient number of local court districts and prescribe where the district courts shall sit, but district court must sit in at least one place in each county. The General Assembly has provided that districts for purposes of the district court are co-terminous with superior court judicial districts. The Constitution also provides for one or more magistrates to be appointed in each county "who shall be officers of the district court."

The State Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 1) also contains the term, "judicial department," stating that "The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the judicial department of any power or jurisdiction that rightfully pertains to it as a co-ordinate department of the government, nor shall it establish or authorize any courts other than as permitted by this Article." The terms, "General Court of Justice" and "Judicial Department" are almost, but not quite, synonymous. It may be said that the Judicial Department encompasses all of the levels of court designated as the General Court of Justice plus all administrative and ancillary services within the Judicial Department.

The original jurisdictions and routes of appeal between the several levels of court in North Carolina's system of courts are illustrated in the chart on the opposite page.

### Criminal Cases

Trial of misdemeanor cases is within the original jurisdiction of the district courts. Some misdemeanor offenses are tried by magistrates, who are also empowered to accept pleas of guilty to certain offenses and impose fines in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. Most trials of misdemeanors are by district court judges, who also hold preliminary, "probable cause" hearings in felony cases. Trial of felony cases is within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.

Decisions of magistrates may be appealed to the district court judge. In criminal cases there is no trial by jury available at the district court level; appeal from the district courts' judgments in criminal cases is to the superior courts for trial *de novo* before a jury. Except in life-imprisonment or death sentence cases (which are appealed

to the Supreme Court), appeal from the superior courts is to the Court of Appeals.

### Civil Cases

The 100 clerks of superior court are *ex officio* judges of probate and have original jurisdiction in probate and estates matters. The clerks also have jurisdiction over such special proceedings as adoptions, partitions, condemnations under the authority of eminent domain, and foreclosures. Rulings of the clerk may be appealed to the superior court.

The district courts have original jurisdiction in juvenile proceedings, domestic relations cases, petitions for involuntary commitment to a mental hospital, and are the "proper" courts for general civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less. If the amount in controversy is \$1,000 or less and the plaintiff in the case so requests, the chief district court judge may assign the case for initial hearing by a magistrate. Magistrates' decisions may be appealed to the district court. Trial by jury for civil cases is available in the district courts; appeal from the judgment of a district court in a civil case is to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

The superior courts are the proper courts for trial of general civil cases where the amount in controversy is more than \$10,000. Appeals from decisions of most administrative agencies is first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts. Appeal from the superior courts in civil cases is to the Court of Appeals.

### Administration

The North Carolina Supreme Court has the "general power to supervise and control the proceedings of any of the other courts of the General Court of Justice." (G.S. 7A-32(b)).

In addition to this grant of general supervisory power, the North Carolina General Statutes provide certain Judicial Department officials with specific powers and responsibilities for the operation of the court system. The Supreme Court has the responsibility for prescribing rules of practice and procedures for the appellate courts and for prescribing rules for the trial courts to supplement those prescribed by statute. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designates one of the judges of the Court of Appeals to be its Chief Judge, who in turn is responsible for scheduling the sessions of the Court of Appeals.

The chart on the following page illustrates specific responsibilities for administration of the trial courts vested in Judicial Department officials by statute. The Chief Justice appoints the Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; this Assistant Director also serves as the Chief Justice's administrative assistant. The schedule of sessions of superior court in the 100 counties is set by the Supreme Court; assignment of the State's rotating superior court judges is the responsibility of the Chief Justice. Finally, the Chief Justice designates a chief district court judge for

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each of the State's 34 judicial districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, along with other administrative responsibilities.

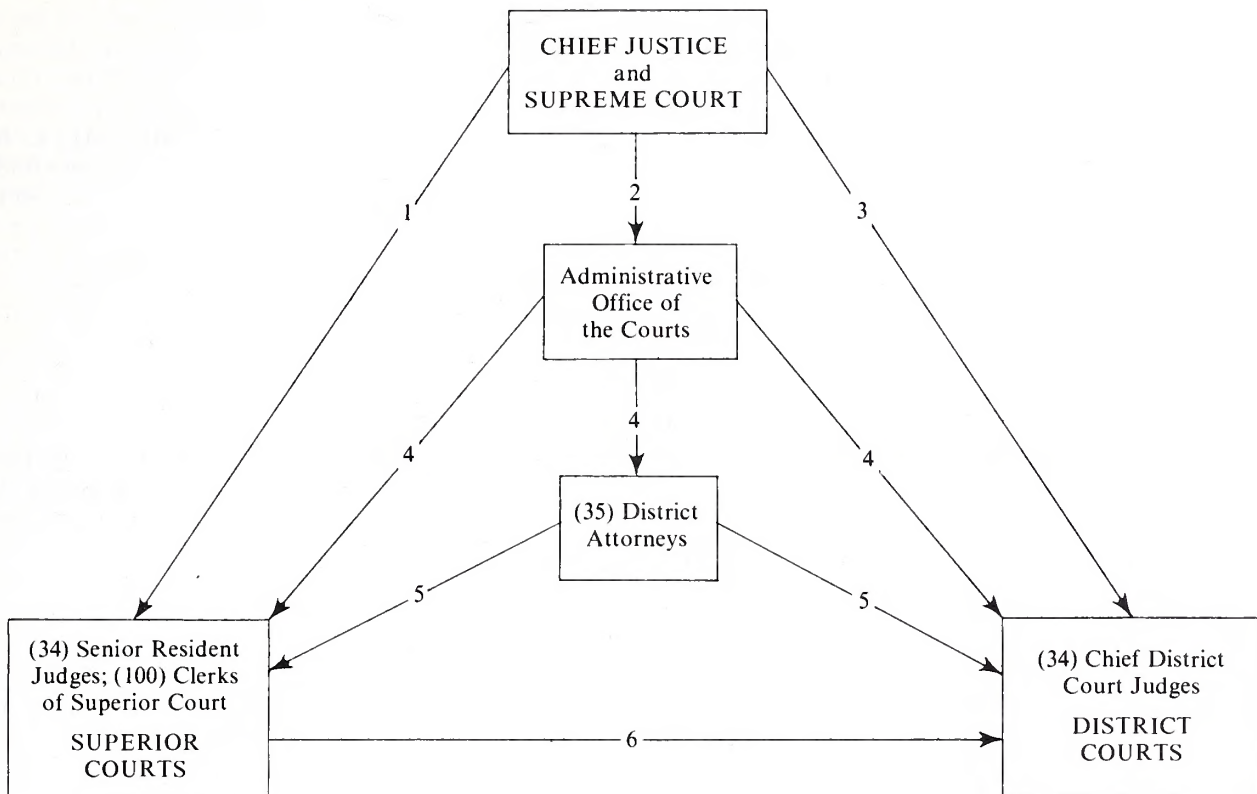
The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel services, information and statistical services, supervision of record keeping in the trial court clerks' offices, liaison with the legislative and executive departments of government, court facility evaluation, purchase and contract, education and training, coordination of the program for provi-

sion of legal counsel to indigent persons, juvenile probation and after-care, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior and district courts. Until 1980, the clerk also served as chairman of the county's calendar committee, which set the civil case calendars. Effective July 1, 1980, these committees were eliminated; day-to-day calendaring of civil cases is now done by the clerk of superior court or by a "trial court administrator" in some districts, under the supervision of the senior resident superior court judge and chief district court judge. The criminal case calendars in both superior and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.

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### Principal Administrative Authorities for North Carolina Trial Courts



<sup>1</sup>The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the superior courts (as well as other trial courts). The schedule of superior courts is approved by the Supreme Court; assignments of superior court judges, who rotate from district to district, are the responsibility of the Chief Justice.

<sup>2</sup>The Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

<sup>3</sup>The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the district courts (as well as other trial courts). The Chief Justice appoints a chief district court judge in each of the 34 judicial districts from the judges elected in the respective districts.

<sup>4</sup>The Administrative Office of the Courts is empowered to prescribe a variety of rules governing the operation of the offices of the 100 clerks of superior court, and to obtain statistical data and other information from officials in the Judicial Department.

<sup>5</sup>The district attorney sets the criminal-case trial calendars. In each district, the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge are empowered to supervise the calendaring procedures for civil cases in their respective courts.

<sup>6</sup>In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and district court of his county. Magistrates, who serve under the supervision of the chief district court judge, are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominees submitted by the clerk of superior court.

# THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA\*

*Chief Justice*  
JOSEPH BRANCH

J. WILLIAM COPELAND  
JAMES G. EXUM, JR.  
LOUIS B. MEYER

*Associate Justices*

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HARRY C. MARTIN  
HENRY E. FRYE

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WILLIAM H. BOBBITT  
SUSIE SHARP

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WALTER E. BROCK  
J. FRANK HUSKINS  
DAVID M. BRITT

*Clerk*  
J. Gregory Wallace

*Librarian*  
Frances H. Hall

\*As of 30 June 1984.

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### The Supreme Court

At the apex of the North Carolina court system is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases on appeal. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by the voters of the State. There are two terms of the Supreme Court each year: a Spring Term commencing on the first Tuesday in February and a Fall Term commencing on the first Tuesday in September. The Court does not sit in panels. It sits only *en banc*, that is, all members sitting on each case.

#### Jurisdiction

The only original case jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is in the censure and removal of judges upon the (non-binding) recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission. The Court's appellate jurisdiction includes:

- cases on appeal by right from the Court of Appeals (cases involving substantial constitutional questions and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals);
- cases on appeal by right from the Utilities Commission (cases involving final order or decision in a general rate matter);
- criminal cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment); and
- cases in which review has been granted in the Supreme Court's discretion.

Discretionary review by the Supreme Court directly from the trial courts may be granted when delay would likely cause substantial harm or when the workload of the Appellate Division is such that the expeditious administration of justice requires it. However, most appeals are heard only after review by the Court of Appeals.

#### Administration

The Supreme Court has general power to supervise and control the proceedings of the other courts of the General Court of Justice. The Court has specific power to prescribe the rules of practice and procedure for the trial court divisions, consistent with any rules enacted by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved yearly, by the

Supreme Court. The Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court Library, and the Appellate Division Reporter are appointed by the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and an Assistant Director, who serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the district judges in each of the State's 34 judicial districts. He assigns superior court judges, who regularly rotate from district to district, to the scheduled sessions of superior court in the 100 counties, and he is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission—a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chairman, one superior court judge and one district court judge. The Chief Justice also appoints six of the 24 voting members of the N.C. Courts Commission: one associate justice of the Supreme Court; one Court of Appeals judge; two superior court judges; and two district court judges.

#### Expenses of the Court, 1983-84

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1983-84 fiscal year amounted to \$1,571,316, an increase of 7.3% over total 1982-83 expenditures of \$1,464,289. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1983-84 constituted 1.5% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

#### Case Data, 1983-84

A total of 343 appealed cases were before the Supreme Court during the fiscal year, including 142 cases pending on July 1, 1983 and 201 cases filed during the year. A total of 192 appealed cases were disposed of, with 151 cases remaining pending on June 30, 1984.

A total of 629 petitions (requests to appeal) were before the Court during the 1983-84 year, with 465 petitions disposed of and 162 pending as of June 30, 1984.

More detailed data on the Court's workload is presented on the following pages.

# ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

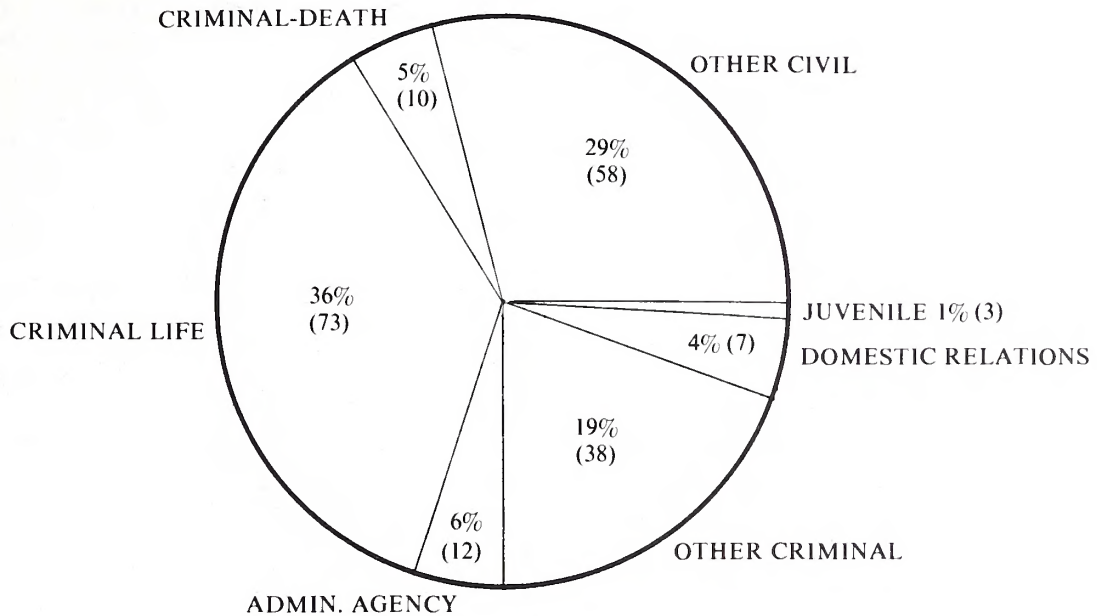
## Supreme Court Caseload Inventory

July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

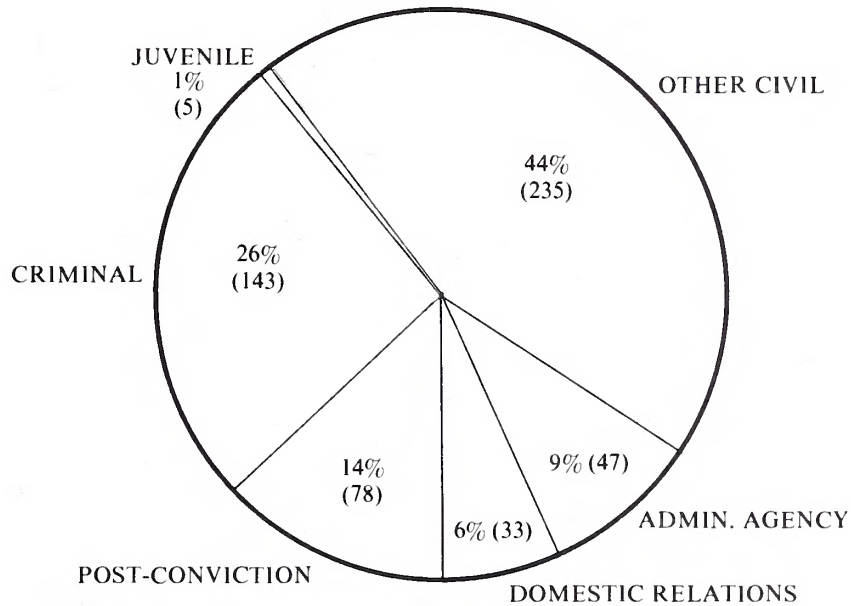
	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<b>Petitions for Review</b>				
Civil domestic	4	33	28	9
Juvenile	0	5	5	0
Other civil	37	235	192	80
Criminal	27	143	124	44
Postconviction remedy	8	78	74	12
Administrative agency decision	12	47	42	17
<b>Total Petitions for Review</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Appeals</b>				
Civil domestic	0	3	2	1
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	0	4	1	3
Juvenile	0	1	0	1
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	0	2	1	1
Other civil	10	30	23	17
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	16	28	26	18
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	18	10	11	17
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	65	73	74	64
Other criminal	9	28	24	13
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	13	10	16	7
Petitions for review granted that became postconviction remedy cases	0	0	0	0
Administrative agency decision	4	9	8	5
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	7	3	6	4
<b>Total appeals</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Other Proceedings</b>				
Extraordinary writs	2	76	77	1
Advisory opinion	0	0	0	0
Rule 16(b) additional issues re dissent	0	6	4	2
Rule amendments	0	12	6	6
Motions	3	728	731	0
<b>Total Other Proceedings</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>9</b>

**ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 1983-84**

**APPEALS FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT  
JULY 1, 1983 — JUNE 30, 1984**



**PETITIONS FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT  
JULY 1, 1983 — JUNE 30, 1984**



**ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84**  
**Supreme Court Caseload Types by Judicial District and Division**  
**July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984**

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Total Cases	Death Cases	Life Cases	Other Criminal	Civil Cases	Other Cases	Cases Disposed
I	1	8	0	3	2	3	0	4
	2	8	1	2	2	2	1	5
	3	17	0	8	1	7	1	10
	4	14	1	8	3	2	0	8
	5	13	3	4	5	1	0	9
	6	4	1	3	0	0	0	1
	7	3	1	1	0	1	0	2
	8	6	1	3	2	0	0	4
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>73</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43</b>
II	9	2	1	0	0	1	0	1
	10	58	0	9	6	16	27	29
	11	8	1	3	1	1	2	6
	12	16	1	9	3	3	0	12
	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
	14	8	1	5	1	1	0	6
	15A	4	0	3	0	1	0	3
	15B	11	0	5	2	4	0	4
SUBTOTAL	16	7	2	2	2	1	0	6
		<b>115</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>68</b>
III	17A	3	0	1	1	1	0	2
	17B	4	2	1	1	0	0	3
	18	20	1	10	1	8	0	11
	19A	8	1	6	1	0	0	6
	19B	5	0	2	2	1	0	4
	20	10	1	3	6	0	0	9
	21	22	1	9	5	6	1	9
	22	7	0	2	1	4	0	5
SUBTOTAL	23	9	1	3	4	1	0	6
		<b>88</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>54</b>
IV	24	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	25	8	1	4	3	0	0	5
	26	26	1	8	5	10	2	11
	27A	7	1	3	1	1	1	2
	27B	4	1	1	1	0	1	1
	28	9	0	6	1	2	0	4
	29	8	2	4	2	0	0	2
	30	4	0	3	0	1	0	2
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>343</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>192</b>

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

#### Cases Argued

Civil	60
Criminal	97
<b>Total cases argued</b>	<b>157</b>

#### Submissions Without Argument

By motion of the parties (Appellate Rule 30 (d))	15
By order of the Court (Appellate Rule 30 (f))	0
<b>Total submissions without argument</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Total Cases Reaching Decision Stage</b>	<b>172</b>
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### Disposition of Petitions and Other Proceedings by the Supreme Court July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

<b>Petitions for Review</b>	<b>Granted*</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Dismissed/ Withdrawn</b>	<b>Total Disposed</b>
Civil Domestic	6	22	1	28
Juvenile	1	4	0	5
Other Civil	32	160	0	192
Criminal	18	106	0	124
Postconviction Remedy	5	45	24	74
Administrative Agency Decision	6	36	0	42
<b>Total Petitions for Review</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>465</b>
<b>Other Proceedings</b>				
Extraordinary Writs	15	60	0	77
Advisory Opinion				0
Rule 16(b) — Additional Issues	2	2	0	4
Rule Amendments				6
Motions				731
<b>Total Other Proceedings</b>				<b>818</b>

\*"GRANTED" includes orders allowing relief without accepting the case as a full appeal.

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals With Published Opinion

Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	0	0	1	1	0	2
Juvenile	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other civil	9	6	4	19	0	38
Criminal (death sentence)	5	0	0	2	3	10
Criminal (life sentence)	47	0	4	11	9	71
Other criminal	7	5	5	10	1	28
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative agency decision	1	2	1	5	1	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>160</b>

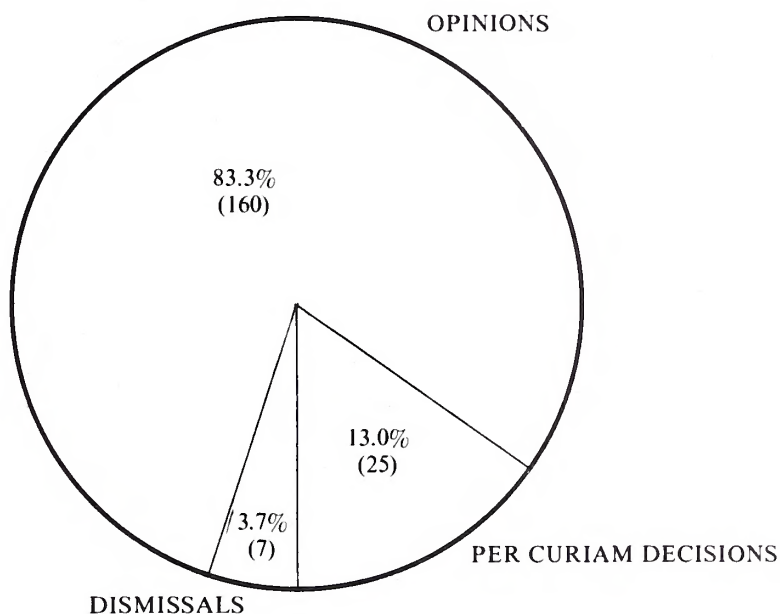
### Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals with Per Curiam Decision

Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	1	0	0	0	0	1
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other civil	6	4	0	0	0	9
Criminal (death sentence)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal (life sentence)	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other criminal	6	2	0	3	0	11
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative agency decision	2	0	0	1	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>

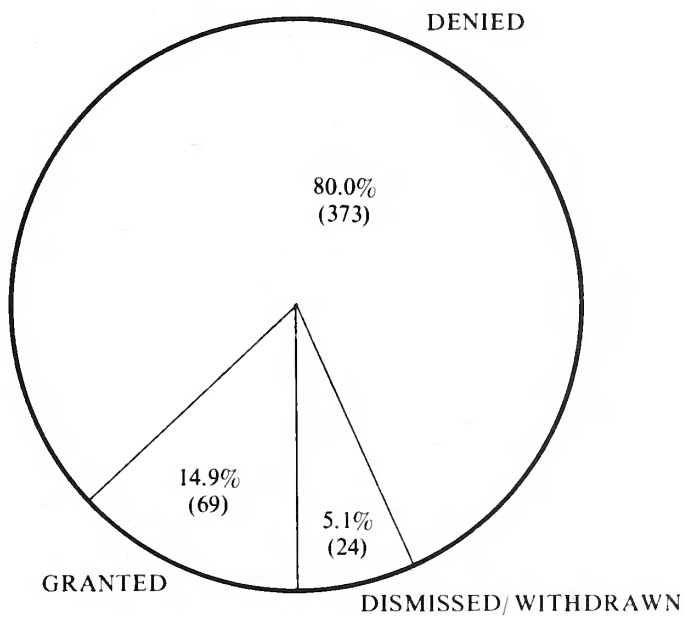
### Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals by Dismissal or Withdrawal

Case Types	Dismissed or Withdrawn
Civil domestic	0
Juvenile	0
Other Civil	2
Criminal (death sentence)	1
Criminal (life sentence)	2
Other criminal	1
Post-conviction remedy	0
Administrative agency decision	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>

**ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 1983-84**  
**MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF APPEALS IN THE SUPREME COURT**  
**JULY 1, 1983 — JUNE 30, 1984**



**TYPE OF DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS FOR REVIEW IN THE SUPREME COURT**  
**JULY 1, 1983 — JUNE 30, 1984**



# ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

## Number of Supreme Court Pending Cases By Status and Age as of June 30, 1984

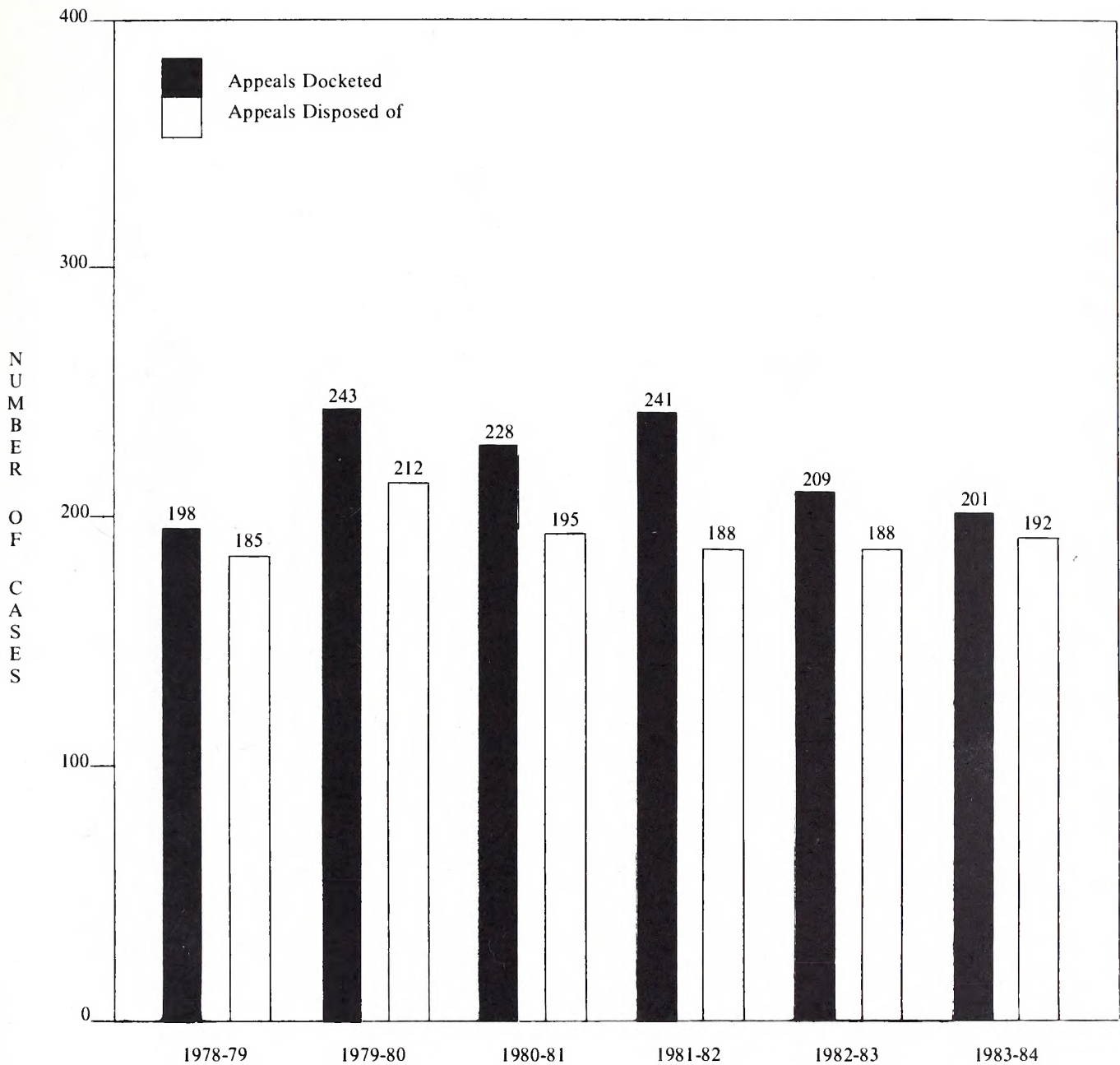
### Not Ready for Oral Argument or Submission

Case Types	Awaiting Record* (Pre-Docketing) (from cognizance)			Awaiting Appellant's Brief (from docketing)			Awaiting Appellee's Brief (from docketing)			Ready for Oral Argument (from docketing)			Pending Decision (Argued) (from date argued)			Total Pending Cases
	0-60 Days	61-150 Days	>150 Days	0-20 Days	21-40 Days	>40 Days	0-40 Days	41-60 Days	>60 Days	0-60 Days	61-90 Days	>90 Days	0-90 Days	91-150 Days	>150 Days	
Civil domestic	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Other Civil	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	5	0	0	6	10	8	35
Criminal (death sentence)	0	1	4	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	1	0	17
Criminal (life sentence)	10	7	5	6	3	6	4	4	1	6	0	0	7	2	3	64
Other Criminal	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	9	0	0	7	0	0	20
Postconviction Remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative Agency Decision	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	9
Total Appeals	10	8	9	8	5	15	13	4	1	21	0	0	29	14	14	151

\*A status of Awaiting Record is applicable only in cases in which the defendant was sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

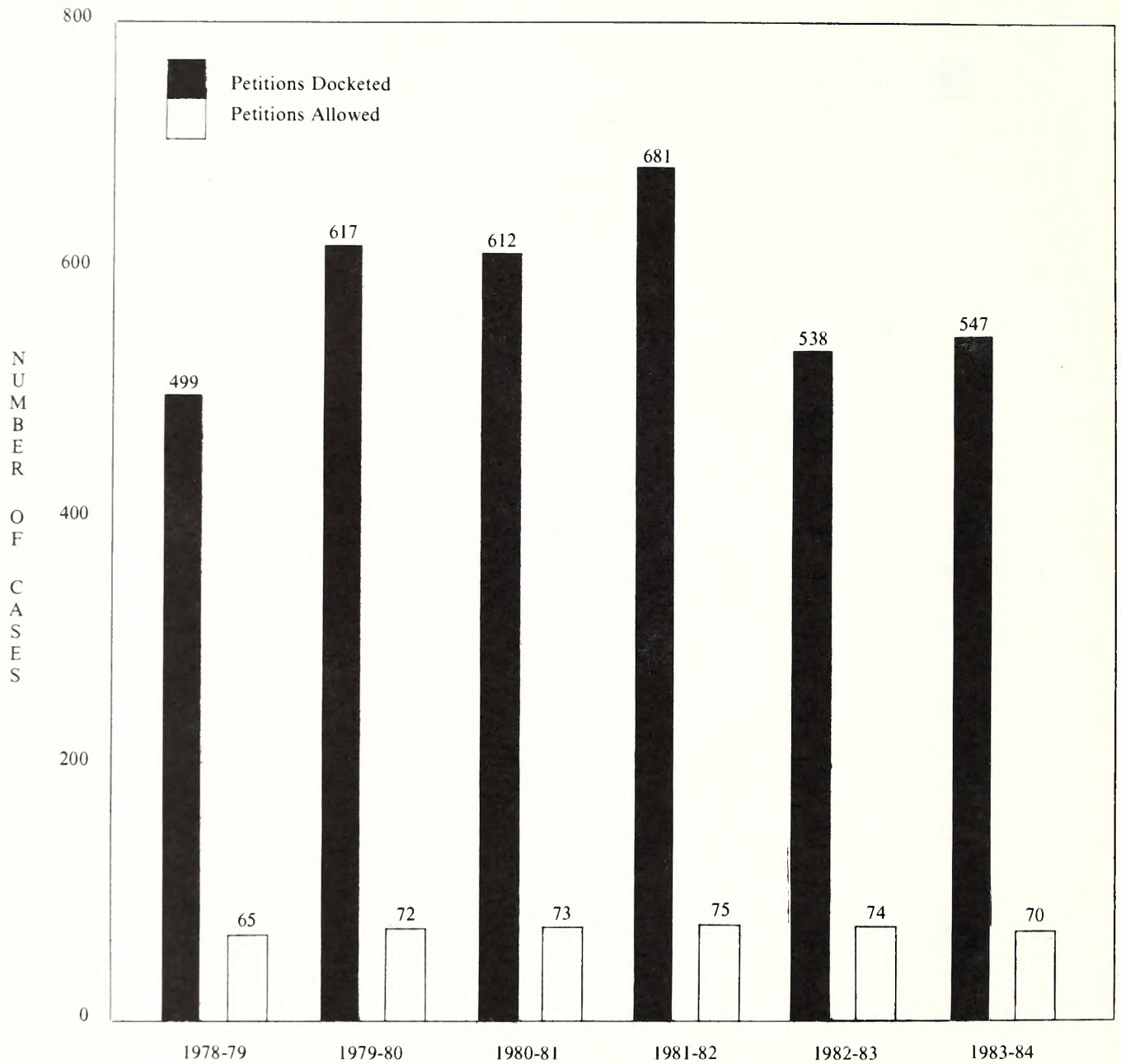
## NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

### Appeals Docketed and Disposed of During the Years, 1978-79—1983-84



## NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

### Petitions Docketed and Allowed During the Years, 1978-79—1983-84



## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### Supreme Court Processing Time for Disposed Cases (Total time in days from docketing to decision) July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

	Number of Cases	(Days) Median	(Days) Mean
Civil domestic	2	—	149.5
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	1	208	208.0
Juvenile	0	0	0.0
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	1	296	296.0
Other civil	23	144	178.7
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	26	173	244.2
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	11	283	372.1
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	74	185	205.8
Other criminal	24	131	133.3
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	16	180	198.1
Petitions for review granted that became post-conviction remedy cases	0	0	0.0
Administrative agency decision	8	228	195.9
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	6	169	181.5
<b>Total appeals</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>205.9</b>

# THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA\*

*Chief Judge*  
EARL W. VAUGHN

*Judges*

R.A. HEDRICK  
GERALD ARNOLD  
JOHN WEBB  
HUGH A. WELLS  
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WILLIS P. WHICHARD

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*Retired Chief Judge*  
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ROBERT M. MARTIN

*Clerk*  
FRANCIS E. DAIL

\*As of 30 June 1984

## **ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84**

### **The Court of Appeals**

The 12-judge Court of Appeals is North Carolina's intermediate appellate court; it hears a majority of the appeals originating from the State's trial courts. The Court regularly sits in Raleigh, and it may sit in other locations in the State as authorized by the Supreme Court. Sessions outside of Raleigh have not been regular or frequent. Judges of the Court of Appeals are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms. A Chief Judge for the Court is designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

Cases are heard by panels of three judges, with the Chief Judge responsible for assigning members of the Court to the four panels. Insofar as practicable, each judge is to be assigned to sit a substantially equal number of times with each other judge. The Chief Judge presides over the panel of which he or she is a member and designates a presiding judge for the other panels.

One member of the Court of Appeals, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serves as chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

#### **Jurisdiction**

The bulk of the caseload of the Court of Appeals consists of cases appealed from the trial courts. The Court also hears appeals directly from the Industrial Commission; certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar; and the Commissioner of Insurance; the State Board of Contract Appeals; and appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the Property Tax Commission. (Appeals from the decisions of other administrative agencies lie first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.)

In the event of a recommendation from the Judicial Standards Commission to censure or remove from office a justice of the Supreme Court, the (non-binding) recommendation would be considered by the Chief Judge and the six judges next senior in service on the Court of Appeals (excluding the judge who serves as the Commission's chairman). Such seven-member panel would have sole jurisdiction to act upon the Commission's recommendation.

#### **Expenses of the Court, 1983-84**

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1983-84 fiscal year totalled \$2,260,654, an increase of 11.6% over 1982-83 expenditures of \$2,025,252. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1983-84 amounted to 2.2% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year. This percentage share of the total is the same as the Court of Appeals' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the 1982-83 fiscal year.

#### **Case Data, 1983-84**

A total of 1,314 appealed cases were filed before the Court of Appeals during the period, July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984. A total of 1,412 cases were disposed of during the same period. During 1983-84, a total of 471 petitions and 1,725 motions were filed before the Court of Appeals.

Further detail on the workload of the Court of Appeals is shown in the tables and graphs on the following pages.

## **FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

**July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984**

<b>Cases on Appeal</b>	<b>Filings</b>	<b>Dispositions</b>
Civil cases appealed from district courts	279	
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	448	
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	63	
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	524	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>1,412</b>
<b>Petitions</b>		
Allowed		59
Denied		364
Remanded		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>423</b>
<b>Motions</b>		
Allowed		1,258
Denied		311
Remanded		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>1,570</b>
<b>Total Cases on Appeal, Petitions and Motions</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>3,405</b>

# INVENTORY OF CASES APPEALED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Appeals from District Courts	Cases Filed		Other Appeals	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Disposed
			Appeals from Superior Court Civil	Criminal			
I	1	10	11	7	0	28	31
	2	2	6	20	0	28	38
	3	9	14	28	0	51	59
	4	6	13	28	0	47	54
	5	5	6	17	0	28	35
	6	1	9	8	0	18	20
	7	2	10	5	0	17	24
	8	7	4	26	0	37	44
II	9	3	3	11	0	17	24
	10	27	56	26	61	170	191
	11	6	13	14	0	33	31
	12	10	8	26	0	44	53
	13	7	3	13	0	23	22
	14	8	25	18	0	51	41
	15A/B*	18	20	20	0	58	45
	16	2	11	19	1	33	38
III	17A/B*	5	5	10	0	20	22
	18	23	37	20	1	81	60
	19A/B*	10	13	23	0	46	44
	20	12	24	16	0	52	55
	21	24	20	25	0	69	98
	22	12	21	20	0	53	38
	23	5	8	11	0	24	28
IV	24	4	6	7	0	17	13
	25	10	14	27	0	51	57
	26	24	32	31	0	87	102
	27A/B*	8	13	22	0	43	48
	28	8	20	20	0	48	41
	29	9	8	5	0	22	36
	30	2	15	1	0	18	20
Totals		279	448	524	63	1,314	1,412

\*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CASES BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Cases Disposed by Written Opinion			Total Cases by Written Opinion	Other Cases Disposed	Total Cases Disposed
		Cases Affirmed	Cases Reversed	Cases Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part			
I	1	21	3	2	26	5	31
	2	25	10	2	37	1	38
	3	36	15	6	57	2	59
	4	36	14	2	52	2	54
	5	16	16	2	34	1	35
	6	16	2	1	19	1	20
	7	19	3	1	23	1	24
	8	37	4	2	43	1	44
II	9	18	5	0	23	1	24
	10	114	48	6	168	23	191
	11	24	3	1	28	3	31
	12	35	12	1	48	5	53
	13	15	4	1	20	2	22
	14	30	9	0	39	2	41
	15A/B*	29	10	1	40	5	45
	16	26	11	1	38	0	38
III	17A/B*	15	6	1	22	0	22
	18	33	15	3	51	9	60
	19A/B*	34	9	1	44	0	44
	20	41	4	6	51	4	55
	21	62	25	6	93	5	98
	22	24	6	0	30	8	38
	23	10	13	1	24	4	28
IV	24	9	2	0	11	2	13
	25	43	8	2	53	4	57
	26	72	18	6	96	6	102
	27A/B*	27	19	0	46	2	48
	28	21	14	0	35	6	41
	29	19	12	4	35	1	36
	30	9	10	1	20	0	20
TOTALS		916	330	60	1,306	106	1,412

\*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

# INVENTORY OF MOTIONS AND PETITIONS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

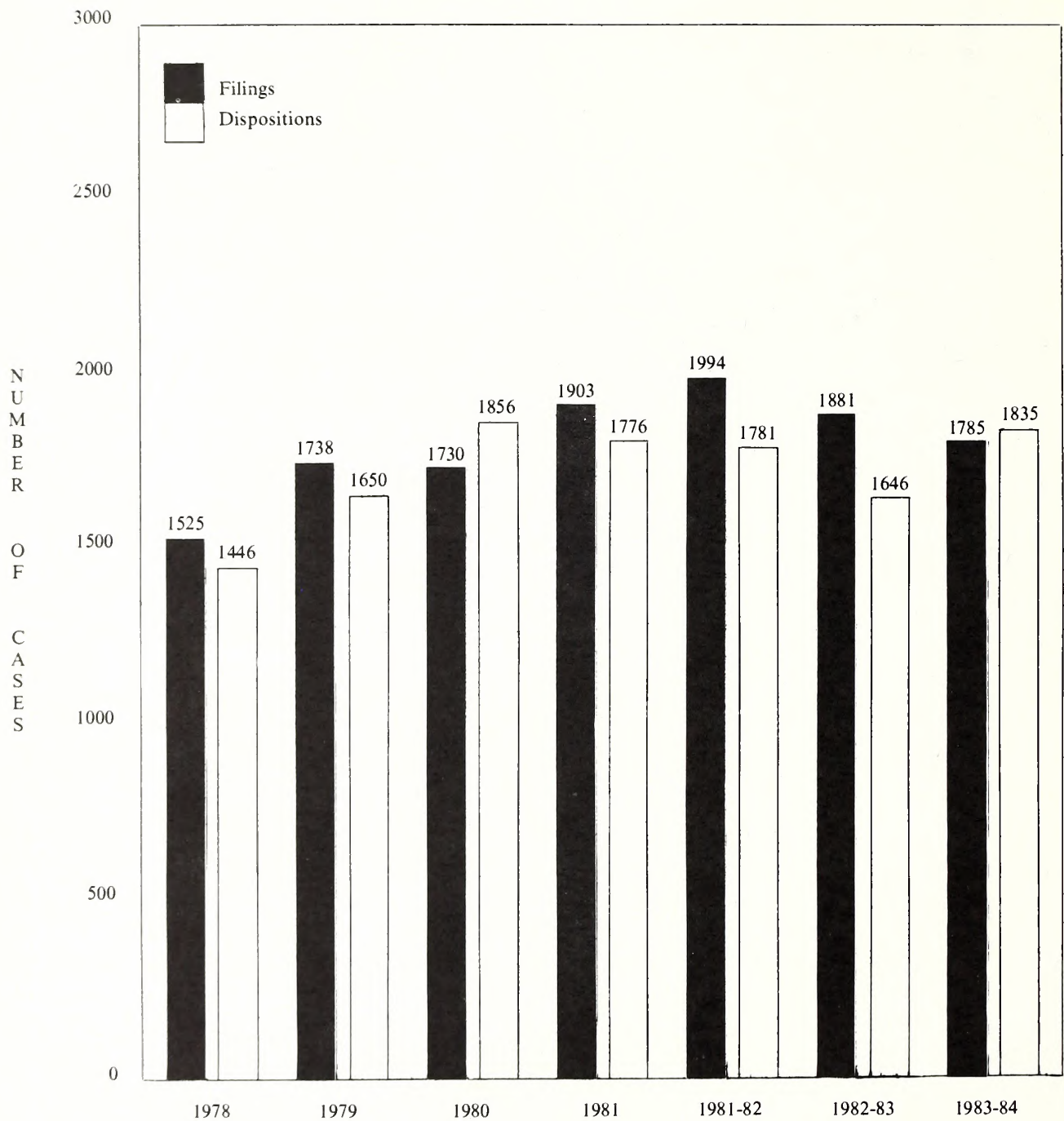
July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Motions Filed	Petitions Filed	Total Filed	Motions Disposed		Petitions Disposed		Total Disposed
					Allowed	Denied	Allowed	Denied	
I	1	48	9	57	29	12	0	7	48
	2	20	6	26	13	5	0	7	25
	3	82	18	100	68	8	0	12	93
	4	50	21	71	38	8	0	18	65
	5	29	28	57	23	4	0	23	56
	6	28	19	47	21	7	0	18	47
	7	15	14	29	10	3	0	12	27
	8	44	11	55	32	7	0	5	45
II	9	26	9	35	20	4	0	8	32
	10	260	62	322	186	52	0	44	290
	11	41	12	53	37	2	0	9	51
	12	60	14	74	41	10	0	9	63
	13	57	7	64	55	2	0	4	61
	14	62	20	82	38	17	1	16	75
	15A/B*	104	13	117	86	15	0	9	112
	16	30	17	47	24	5	0	15	44
	17A/B*	22	10	32	19	2	0	6	28
	18	117	29	146	84	20	0	20	129
III	19A/B*	43	9	52	28	6	0	6	40
	20	39	10	49	27	12	0	9	50
	21	72	26	98	50	15	0	24	89
	22	57	8	65	34	13	0	3	55
	23	31	5	36	19	9	0	4	33
	24	28	6	34	24	1	0	3	30
	25	47	17	64	34	11	0	15	63
	26	117	27	144	85	21	0	23	131
	27A/B*	51	9	60	38	10	0	6	54
	28	81	14	95	62	11	0	13	87
IV	29	39	18	57	20	14	0	13	49
	30	25	3	28	13	5	0	3	21
	Total	1,725	471	2,196	1,258	311	1	59	1,993

\*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

## FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

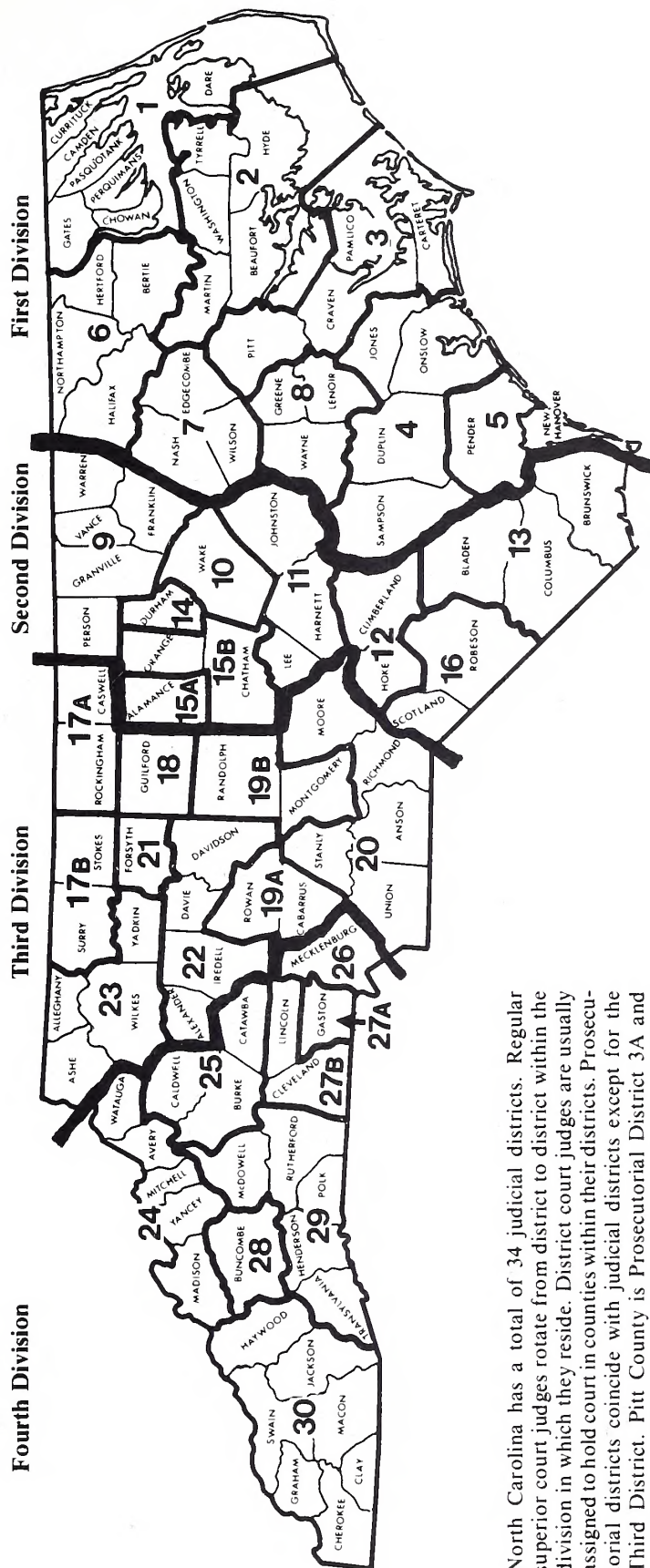
FISCAL YEARS 1978 THROUGH 1983-84



Filings and dispositions in this graph include appealed cases and petitions (not motions) in the Court of Appeals. During 1983-84, dispositions exceeded filings for the first time since 1980.

# THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

## North Carolina Judicial Districts and Divisions



North Carolina has a total of 34 judicial districts. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district within the division in which they reside. District court judges are usually assigned to hold court in counties within their districts. Prosecutorial districts coincide with judicial districts except for the Third District. Pitt County is Prosecutorial District 3A and Craven, Carteret and Pamlico Counties comprise Prosecutorial District 3B. Hence, there are 35 prosecutorial districts but only 34 judicial districts.

# JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT\*

## (As of June 30, 1984)

### FIRST DIVISION

#### District

- 1 J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City
- 2 Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston
- 3 David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville  
Herbert O. Phillips, III, Morehead City
- 4 Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville  
James R. Strickland, Jacksonville
- 5 Bradford Tillery, Wilmington  
Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington
- 6 Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
- 7 Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro  
Charles B. Winberry, Rocky Mount
- 8 R. Michael Bruce, Mount Olive  
James D. Llewellyn, Kinston

### SECOND DIVISION

- 9 Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg
- 10 James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh  
Henry V. Barnett, Jr., Raleigh  
Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh  
Edwin S. Preston, Jr., Raleigh
- 11 Wiley F. Bowen, Dunn
- 12 Darius B. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville  
Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville  
Edwin L. Johnson, Fayetteville
- 13 Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
- 14 Thomas H. Lee, Durham  
Anthony M. Brannon, Bahama  
John C. Martin, Durham
- 15A D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington
- 15B F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill
- 16 B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg

### THIRD DIVISION

#### District

- 17A Melzer A. Morgan, Jr., Wentworth
- 17B James M. Long, Pilot Mountain
- 18 W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro  
Edward K. Washington, Greensboro  
Thomas W. Ross, Greensboro
- 19A Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer  
James C. Davis, Concord
- 19B Hal H. Walker, Asheboro
- 20 F. Fetzer Mills, Wadesboro  
William H. Helms, Wingate
- 21 William Z. Wood, Winston-Salem  
Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem  
William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem
- 22 Robert A. Collier, Jr., Statesville  
C. Preston Cornelius
- 23 Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilkesboro

### FOURTH DIVISION

- 24 Charles C. Lamm, Jr., Boone
- 25 Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory  
Claude S. Sitton, Morganton
- 26 Frank W. Snapp, Jr., Charlotte  
Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte  
Kenneth A. Griffin, Charlotte  
William T. Grist, Charlotte  
Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte
- 27A Robert W. Kirby, Cherryville  
Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia
- 27B John R. Friday, Lincolnton
- 28 Robert D. Lewis, Asheville  
C. Walter Allen, Asheville
- 29 Hollis M. Owens, Jr., Rutherfordton
- 30 James U. Downs, Franklin

\*In districts with more than one resident judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.

## **SPECIAL JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT**

James A. Beaty, Jr., Winston-Salem  
Arthur L. Lane, Fayetteville  
John B. Lewis, Jr., Farmville  
Mary M. Pope, Southern Pines

Donald L. Smith, Raleigh  
Russell G. Walker, Jr., Asheboro  
Thomas S. Watts, Elizabeth City

## **EMERGENCY JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT**

George M. Fountain, Tarboro  
Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton  
Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton

### **The Conference of Superior Court Judges** (Officers as of June 30, 1984)

Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer, *President*  
William T. Grist, Charlotte, *President-Elect*  
James M. Long, Pilot Mountain, *Vice President*  
Edwin L. Johnson, Fayetteville,  
*Secretary-Treasurer*  
Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston, and Wiley F. Bowen,  
Dunn, *Additional Executive Committee Members*

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### The Superior Courts

North Carolina's superior courts are the general jurisdiction trial courts for the state. In 1981-82, there were 60 "resident" superior court judges elected to office in the 34 judicial districts for eight-year-terms by Statewide ballot. In addition, eight "special" superior court judges are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms.

#### Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases which originate by grand jury indictment. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which conviction may be appealed to the superior court for trial *de novo* by a jury. No trial by jury is available for criminal cases in district court.) The superior court is the proper court for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000, and it has jurisdiction over appeals from administrative agencies except the Industrial Commission, certain rulings of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Board of Bar Examiners of the North Carolina State Bar, the Board of State Contract Appeals, and the Property Tax Commission. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.\* Regardless of the amount in controversy, the original civil jurisdiction of the superior court does not include domestic relations cases, which are heard in the district courts, or probate and estates matters and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court. Rulings of the clerk are within the appellate jurisdiction of the superior court.

#### Administration

The 100 counties of North Carolina were grouped into 34 judicial districts during 1983-84. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his home district, such as providing for civil case calendaring procedures. (Criminal case calendars are prepared by the district attorneys.) In districts with more than one resident superior court judge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The judicial districts are grouped into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges, as shown on the map on Page 29. Within the division, a resident superior court judge is required to rotate among the judicial districts, holding court for at least six months in each, then moving on to his next assignment. A special superior court judge may be assigned to hold court in any of the 100 counties. Assignments of all superior court judges are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the Constitution of North Carolina, at least two sessions (a week each) of superior court are held annually in each of the 100 counties. The vast majority of counties have more than the Constitutional minimum of two weeks of superior court annually. Many larger counties have superior court in session about every week in the year.

#### Expenditures

A total of \$12,061,852 was expended on the operations of the superior courts during the 1983-84 fiscal year. This included the salaries and travel expenses for the 68 superior court judges, and salaries and expense for court reporters and secretarial staff for superior court judges. The 1983-84 expenditures for the superior courts amounted to 11.6% of total General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department during the 1983-84 fiscal year.

#### Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 80,558 cases were filed in the superior courts during 1983-84, a decrease of 4,930 cases (5.8%) from the total of 85,488 cases that were filed in 1982-83. There were decreases in filings in all case categories (civil, misdemeanor and felony).

Superior court case dispositions decreased from 84,797 in 1982-83 to 80,290 in 1983-84. There was a decrease in the number of dispositions in all three case categories, similar to the decrease in case filings.

More detailed information on the flow of cases through the superior courts is included in Part IV of this Report.

\*An amendment to Article IV, Section 12(1) of the State Constitution was approved by the voters at the June, 1982 election, and effective July 15, 1983, the General Assembly has provided for appeals from the Utilities Commission directly to the Supreme Court. See G.S. 7A-29(b).

# **DISTRICT COURT JUDGES\*** **(As of June 30, 1984)**

## **District**

- 1 John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City  
Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City  
John R. Parker, Elizabeth City
- 2 Hallett S. Ward, Washington  
James W. Hardison, Wiliamston
- 3 E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville  
J. Randal Hunter, New Bern  
Willie L. Lumpkin, III, Morehead City  
James E. Martin, Bethel  
James E. Regan, Oriental  
H. Horton Roundtree, Greenville
- 4 Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill  
William M. Cameron, Jr., Jacksonville  
Walter P. Henderson, Trenton  
James N. Martin, Clinton  
Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville
- 5 Gilbert H. Burnett, Wilmington  
Jacqueline Morris-Goodson, Wilmington  
Charles H. Rice, III, Wilmington  
Elton Glenn Tucker, Wilmington
- 6 Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids  
Harold P. McCoy, Scotland Neck  
Robert E. Williford, Lewiston
- 7 George Britt, Tarboro  
Allen W. Harrell, Wilson  
Quentin T. Sumner, Rocky Mount  
Albert S. Thomas, Jr., Wilson
- 8 J. Patrick Exum, Kinston  
Kenneth R. Ellis, Fremont  
Rodney R. Goodman, Kinston  
Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro  
Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro
- 9 Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford  
Ben U. Allen, Jr., Henderson  
J. Larry Senter, Franklinton  
Charles W. Wilkinson, Oxford
- 10 George F. Bason, Raleigh  
Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh  
Narley L. Cashwell, Raleigh  
William A. Creech, Raleigh  
George R. Greene, Raleigh  
Louis W. Payne, Jr., Raleigh  
Philip O. Redwine, Raleigh  
Russell G. Sherrill, III, Raleigh

## **District**

- 11 Elton C. Pridgen, Smithfield  
William Christian, Sanford  
K. Edward Greene, Dunn  
W. Pope Lyon, Smithfield
- 12 Sol. G. Cherry, Fayetteville  
Charles Lee Guy, Fayetteville  
Lacy S. Hair, Fayetteville  
Anna E. Keever, Fayetteville  
Warren L. Pate, Raeford
- 13 William E. Wood, Whiteville  
William C. Gore, Jr., Whiteville  
Roy D. Trest, Shallotte
- 14 J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham  
Karen B. Galloway, Durham  
David Q. LaBarre, Durham  
William G. Pearson, II, Durham
- 15A J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington  
W. S. Harris, Jr., Graham  
James K. Washburn, Burlington
- 15B Stanley Peele, Chapel Hill  
Patricia S. Hunt, Hillsborough  
Donald L. Paschal, Siler City
- 16 John S. Gardner, Lumberton  
Charles G. McLean, Lumberton  
Herbert L. Richardson, Lumberton
- 17A Peter M. McHugh, Reidsville  
Robert R. Blackwell, Yanceyville
- 17B Foy Clark, Mount Airy  
Jerry Cash Martin, Mount Airy
- 18 Joseph R. John, Greensboro  
Robert Bencini, Jr., High Point  
Robert L. Cecil, High Point  
William L. Daisy, Greensboro  
Thomas G. Foster, Jr., Greensboro  
William K. Hunter, High Point  
Edmund Lowe, High Point  
John F. Yeattes, Jr., Greensboro
- 19A Robert L. Warren, Concord  
Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord  
Clarence E. Horton, Jr., Kannapolis  
Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury

\*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

# DISTRICT COURT JUDGES\*

## (As of June 30, 1984)

### District

- 19B L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro  
William M. Neely, Asheboro
- 20 Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro  
Michael E. Beale, Southern Pines  
Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle  
Kenneth W. Honneycutt, Monroe  
W. Reece Saunders, Jr., Rockingham
- 21 Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem  
Joseph J. Gatto, Winston-Salem  
James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem  
Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem
- 22 Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville  
Samuel A. Cathey, Statesville  
George T. Fuller, Lexington  
Robert W. Johnson, Statesville
- 23 Samuel T. Osborne, Wilkesboro  
Max F. Ferree, Wilkesboro  
Edgar B. Gregory, Wilkesboro
- 24 Robert H. Lacey, Newland  
Charles P. Ginn, Boone  
R. Alexander Lysterly, Banner Elk
- 25 Livingston Vernon, Morganton  
Edward H. Blair, Jr., Lenoir  
Daniel R. Green, Jr., Hickory  
L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory  
Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton

### District

- 26 James E. Lanning, Charlotte  
L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte  
Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte  
Resa L. Harris, Charlotte  
Robert P. Johnston, Charlotte  
William G. Jones, Charlotte  
Theodore P. Matus, II, Charlotte  
William H. Scarborough, Charlotte  
W. Terry Sherrill, Charlotte  
T. Michael Todd, Charlotte
- 27A Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia  
Berlin H. Carpenter, Jr., Gastonia  
J. Ralph Phillips, Gastonia  
Donald E. Ramseur, Gastonia
- 27B George W. Hamrick, Shelby  
James T. Bowen, Lincolnton  
John M. Gardner, Shelby
- 28 William Marion Styles, Black Mountain  
Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden  
Robert L. Harrell, Asheville  
Peter L. Roda, Asheville
- 29 Robert T. Gash, Brevard  
Loto J. Greenlee, Marion  
Zoro J. Guice, Jr., Hendersonville  
Thomas N. Hix, Hendersonville
- 30 Robert Leatherwood, III, Bryson City  
John J. Snow, Jr., Murphy  
Danny E. Davis, Waynesville

### The Association of District Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1984)

J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington, *President*  
 Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem, *Vice President*  
 E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville, *Secretary-Treasurer*  
 George M. Britt, Tarboro  
 William G. Pearson, II, Durham  
 L. T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro  
 Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden  
*Additional Executive Committee Members*

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## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### The District Courts

North Carolina's district courts are trial courts with original jurisdiction of the overwhelming majority of the cases handled by the State's court system. There were 142 district court judges serving in 34 judicial districts during 1983-84. These judges are elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 614 magistrate positions were authorized as of June 30, 1984. Of this number, about 100 positions were specified as part-time. Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominations submitted by the clerk of superior court of their county, and they are supervised by the chief district court judge of their district.

#### Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the district court extends to virtually all misdemeanor cases, probable cause hearings in most felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and recommitments to mental hospitals, and domestic relations cases. The district courts have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior courts in general civil cases, but the district courts are the proper courts for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less. Upon the plaintiff's request, a civil case in which the amount in controversy is \$1,000 or less, may be designated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are empowered to try worthless check criminal cases when the value of the check does not exceed \$500. In addition, they may accept written appearances, waivers of trial, and pleas of guilty in such worthless check cases when the amount of the check is \$500 or less, the offender has made restitution, and the offender has fewer than four previous worthless check convictions. Magistrates may accept waivers of appearance and pleas of guilty in traffic cases, and in boating, hunting and fishing violation cases,\* for which a uniform schedule of fines has been adopted by the Conference of Chief District Judges. Magistrates also conduct initial hearings to fix conditions of release for arrested defendants, and they are empowered to issue arrest and search warrants.

#### Administration

A chief district judge is appointed for each judicial district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the elected judges in the respective districts. Subject to the Chief Justice's general supervision, each chief judge exercises administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in his district. Each chief judge is responsible for: scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges; supervising the calendaring of noncriminal cases; assigning matters to

magistrates; making arrangements for court reporting and jury trials in civil cases; and supervising the discharge of clerical functions in the district courts.

The chief district court judges meet in conference at least once a year upon the call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Among other matters, this annual conference adopts a uniform schedule of traffic offenses and fines for their violation for use by magistrates and clerks of court in accepting defendants' waivers of appearance and guilty pleas.

#### The Conference of Chief District Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1984)

Robert T. Gash, Brevard, *Chairman*

Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville, *Vice Chairman*

#### Expenditures

Total expenditures for the operation of the district courts in 1983-84 amounted to \$19,845,501. This is an increase of 9.5% over 1982-83 expenditures of \$18,119,464. Included in this total are the personnel costs of court reporters and secretaries as well as the personnel costs of the 142 district court judges and approximately 614 magistrates. The 1983-84 total is 19.1% of the General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, about the same percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures that the district courts took for the 1982-83 fiscal year.

#### Caseload

During 1983-84 the statewide total number of district court filings (civil and criminal) increased only 4,608 (.3%) over the total number reported for 1982-83. Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the filing total in 1983-84 was 1,450,179. The motor vehicle criminal case category registered the only increase: 39,886 cases (5.5%) more than the number of motor vehicle criminal cases in 1982-83. There were decreases in filing totals for 1983-84, ranging from 4.4% to 5.7%, in the general civil, civil magistrate, and non-motor vehicle criminal case categories, compared with such totals for 1982-83.

More detailed information on district court civil and criminal caseloads and on juvenile case activity is contained in Part IV of this Report.

\*Chapter 586, 1983 Session Laws; the uniform schedule of fines adopted by Chief District Judges becomes effective July 1, 1984.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEYS**  
**(As of June 30, 1984)**

**District**

- 1 H. P. WILLIAMS, JR., Elizabeth City
- 2 WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR., Williamston
- 3A THOMAS D. HAIGWOOD, Greenville
- 3B WILLIAM D. McFADYEN, New Bern
- 4 WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville
- 5 JERRY L. SPIVEY, Wilmington
- 6 DAVID H. BEARD, JR., Murfreesboro
- 7 HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro
- 8 DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro
- 9 DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford
- 10 J. RANDOLPH RILEY, Raleigh
- 11 JOHN W. TWISDALE, Smithfield
- 12 EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville
- 13 MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Whiteville
- 14 RONALD L. STEPHENS, Durham
- 15A GEORGE E. HUNT, Graham
- 15B WADE BARBER, JR., Pittsboro
- 16 JOE FREEMAN BRITT, Lumberton

**District**

- 17A PHILIP W. ALLEN, Wentworth
- 17B HAROLD D. BOWMAN, Dobson
- 18 D. LAMAR DOWDA, Greensboro
- 19A JAMES F. ROBERTS, Concord
- 19B GARLAND N. YATES, Asheboro
- 20 CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe
- 21 DONALD K. TISDALE, Winston-Salem
- 22 H. W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington
- 23 MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro
- 24 JAMES THOMAS RUSHER, Marshall
- 25 ROBERT E. THOMAS, Hickory
- 26 PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte
- 27A JOSEPH G. BROWN, Gastonia
- 27B W. HAMPTON CHILDS, JR., Lincolnton
- 28 RONALD C. BROWN, Asheville
- 29 ALAN C. LEONARD, Rutherfordton
- 30 MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, III, Sylva

**The District Attorneys Association**  
**(Officers as of June 30, 1984)**

Ronald C. Brown, Asheville, *President*  
William H. Andrews, Jacksonville, *Vice President*  
David R. Waters, Oxford, *Vice President for  
Legislative Affairs*  
Mary Easley, Southport, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### The District Attorneys

The State is divided into 35 prosecutorial districts which, with one exception, correspond to the 34 judicial districts. By act of the 1981 Session of the General Assembly, the 3rd Judicial District was divided into two separate prosecutorial districts, Prosecutorial Districts 3A and 3B, effective October 1, 1981. Prosecutorial District 3A consists of Pitt County, and Prosecutorial District 3B is comprised of Craven, Carteret, and Pamlico (G.S. 7A-60). A district attorney is elected by the voters in each of the 35 districts for four-year terms.

#### Duties

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in his district. In addition to his prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

#### Resources

Each district attorney may employ on a full-time basis the number of assistant district attorneys authorized by statute for his district. As of June 30, 1984, a total of 213 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 35 prosecutorial districts. The district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenburg County) had the largest staff (19 assistants) and the district attorney of District 17B and District 24 had the smallest staff (two assistants).

Each district attorney is authorized to employ an administrative assistant to aid in preparing casers for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. The district attorney in 18 of the 35 districts is authorized to employ and investigatorial assistant who aids in the investigation of cases prior to trial, and in 10 districts, the district attorney is authorized to employ a witness coordinator.

#### 1983-1984 Caseload

A total of 68,076 criminal cases were filed in the superior courts during 1983-84, consisting of 42,160 felony cases and 25,916 misdemeanor appeals from the district courts. The total number of filings in the superior courts (felonies and misdemeanors) in the previous year was 71,594. The decrease of 3,518 cases in 1983-84 represents a 4.9% decrease from the 1982-83 total.

Total criminal cases disposed of by the superior courts in 1983-84 amounted to 67,009. There were 41,698 felony dispositions; the number of misdemeanor cases disposed of was 25,311. Compared with 1982-83, total criminal case dispositions decreased by 3,111 from the 70,120 cases disposed of in that fiscal year.

The median ages of 1983-84 criminal cases at disposition in the superior courts were 80 days for felony cases and 65 days for misdemeanor appeals. In 1982-83, the median age of felony cases at disposition was 81 days, and

the median age at disposition for misdemeanor appeals was 66 days.

Dispositions by jury trial in the superior courts, for felonies and misdemeanors, totalled 3,505 cases, or 5.2% of total criminal case dispositions in the superior courts. This was a decrease from jury dispositions of 3,999 (5.7% of total dispositions) during the 1982-83 year. As is evident, a very small proportion of all criminal cases utilize the great proportion of superior court time and resources required to handle the criminal caseload.

By contrast, in 1983-84 a majority (36,934 or 55.1%) of criminal case dispositions in superior courts were processed on submission of guilty pleas, not requiring a trial. This was very close to the 54.2% of guilty plea dispositions reported for 1982-83.

"Dismissal by district attorney" accounted for a significant percentage of all dispositions during 1983-84: a total of 18,179 cases, or 27.1% of all dispositions. This proportion is comparable to that recorded for prior years. Many of the dismissals involved the situation of two or more cases pending against the same defendant, resulting in a plea bargain agreement where the defendant pleads guilty to some charges in exchange for a dismissal of others.

There was a decrease in the number of "speedy trial rule" dismissals in superior courts, from 92 in 1982-83 to 82 in 1983-84.

The total number of criminal cases disposed of in the superior courts was 1,067 cases less than the total number of cases filed in 1983-84. Consequently, the number of pending criminal cases in superior court increased from 11,281 at the beginning of the fiscal year to a total at year's end of 12,348, an increase of 9.5%.

The median age of *pending* felony cases in the superior courts increased from 80 days on June 30, 1983 to 89 days on June 30, 1984. An increase was also recorded for misdemeanor appeals, with the median age of *pending* misdemeanor appeals increasing from 66 days on June 30, 1983 to 78 days on June 30, 1984.

In the district courts, a total of 1,151,183 criminal cases were filed during 1983-84. This total consisted of 768,403 motor vehicle criminal cases and 382,780 non-motor vehicle criminal cases. A comparison of total filings in 1983-84 with total filings (1,129,032) in 1982-83 reveals an increase in district court criminal filing activity of 22,151 cases or 2.0%. An increase in motor vehicle criminal case filings was responsible for all of this increase. Filings in the motor vehicle case category rose by 39,886 cases, from 728,517 cases in 1982-83 to 768,403 cases in 1983-84, an increase of 5.5%.

As motor vehicle criminal case filings rose in 1983-84, filings in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category fell by 17,735 cases (4.4%), from a total of 400,515 in 1982-83 to 382,780 cases in 1983-84.

Total dispositions in district courts during 1983-84 in the motor vehicle criminal case category amounted to 757,617 cases. As in prior years, a substantial portion

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(437,665 cases or 57.8%) was disposed of by waiver of appearance and entry of plea of guilty before a clerk or magistrate. This substantial number of criminal cases did not, of course, require action by the district attorneys' offices and should not be regarded as having been a part of the district attorneys' caseload. The remaining 319,952 motor vehicle cases were disposed of by means other than a waiver. This balance was 3,177 cases, or 1.0% more than the 316,775 such dispositions in 1982-83. (The clerks of court no longer report motor vehicle criminal cases by case file number to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Only summary total number of filings and dispositions are reported. Therefore, it is not possible by computer-processing to obtain pending case data for the motor vehicle criminal case category.)

With respect to non-motor vehicle criminal case dispositions, a total of 380,643 such cases were disposed of in district courts in 1983-84. As with superior court criminal cases, the most frequent method of disposition was by entry of guilty plea; the next most frequent was dismissal by the district attorney. Some 143,355 cases, or 37.7% of

the dispositions were by guilty pleas. An additional 91,720 cases, or 24.1%, of the total were disposed of by prosecutor dismissal. There were no "speedy trial rule" dismissals, compared with two such dispositions in 1982-83. The remaining cases were disposed of by waiver (12.8%), trial (10.6%), or by other means (14.8%).

During 1983-84, the median age at disposition of non-motor vehicle criminal cases was 26 days, compared with 24 days at disposition for 1982-83.

Total non-motor vehicle criminal dispositions were 2,137 cases less than the total of such filings during 1983-84. The number of non-motor vehicle criminal cases pending at year's end was 58,727, compared with a total of 56,590 at the beginning of the year, an increase of 2,137 (3.8%) in the number of pending cases. The median age for pending non-motor vehicle cases dropped from 59 days on June 30, 1983 to 44 days on June 30, 1984.

Additional information on the criminal caseloads in superior and district courts is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

**CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT**  
(As of June 30, 1984)

**COUNTY**

Alamance  
Alexander  
Alleghany  
Anson  
Ashe  
Avery  
Beaufort  
Bertie  
Bladen  
Brunswick  
Buncombe  
Burke  
Cabarrus  
Caldwell  
Camden  
Carteret  
Caswell  
Catawba  
Chatham  
Cherokee  
Chowan  
Clay  
Cleveland  
Columbus  
Craven  
Cumberland  
Currituck  
Dare  
Davidson  
Davie  
Duplin  
Durham  
Edgecombe  
Forsyth  
Franklin  
Gaston  
Gates  
Graham  
Granville  
Greene  
Guilford  
Halifax  
Harnett  
Haywood  
Henderson  
Hertford  
Hoke  
Hyde  
Iredell  
Jackson

**CLERK OF COURT**

Louise B. Wilson  
Seth Chapman  
Joan B. Atwood  
R. Frank Hightower  
Virginia W. Johnson  
Robert A. McKee  
Thomas S. Payne, III  
Thomas S. Speight  
Hilda H. Coleman  
K. Gregory Bellamy  
J. Ray Elingburg  
Major A. Joines  
Estus B. White  
Jeanette Turner  
Catherine W. McCoy  
Mary Austin  
Janet H. Cobb  
Eunice W. Mauney  
Janice Oldham  
Rose Mary Crooke  
Marjorie H. Hollowell  
R. L. Cherry  
Ruth S. Dedmon  
Lacy R. Thompson  
Dorothy Pate  
George T. Griffin  
Wiley B. Elliot  
Betty Mann  
Hugh Shepherd  
Delores C. Jordan  
John A. Johnson  
James Leo Carr  
Curtis Weaver  
A.E. Blackburn  
Ralph S. Knott  
Betty B. Jenkins  
Frank L. Rice  
O.W. Hooper, Jr.  
Mary Ruth C. Nelms  
Joyce J. Harrell  
James Lee Knight  
Ellen C. Neathery  
Georgia Lee Brown  
William G. Henry  
Thomas H. Thompson  
Richard T. Vann  
Juanita Edmund  
Lenora R. Bright  
Carl G. Smith  
Frank Watson, Jr.

**COUNTY**

Johnston  
Jones  
Lee  
Lenoir  
Lincoln  
Macon  
Madison  
Martin  
McDowell  
Mecklenburg  
Mitchell  
Montgomery  
Moore  
Nash  
New Hanover  
Northampton  
Onslow  
Orange  
Pamlico  
Pasquotank  
Pender  
Perquimans  
Person  
Pitt  
Polk  
Randolph  
Richmond  
Robeson  
Rockingham  
Rowan  
Rutherford  
Sampson  
Scotland  
Stanly  
Stokes  
Surry  
Swain  
Transylvania  
Tyrrell  
Union  
Vance  
Wake  
Warren  
Washington  
Watauga  
Wayne  
Wilkes  
Wilson  
Yadkin  
Yancey

**CLERK OF COURT**

Will R. Crocker  
Ronald H. Metts  
Sion H. Kelly  
Claude C. Davis  
Nellie L. Bess  
Lois S. Morris  
James W. Cody  
Mary K. Wynne  
Ruth B. Williams  
Robert M. Blackburn  
Arthur Ray Ledford  
Charles M. Johnson  
Rachel H. Comer  
Rachel M. Joyner  
Louise D. Rehder  
R. Jennings White, Jr.  
Everitte Barbee  
Frank S. Frederick  
Mary Jo Potter  
Frances W. Thompson  
Frances N. Futch  
W.J. Ward  
W. Thomas Humphries  
Sandra Gaskins  
Judy P. Arledge  
John H. Skeen  
Miriam F. Greene  
Dixie I. Barrington  
Frankie C. Williams  
Francis Glover  
Joan M. Jenkins  
Charlie T. McCullen  
C. Whitfield Gibson, Jr.  
David R. Fisher  
Pauline Kirkman  
David J. Beal  
Sara Robinson  
Marian M. McMahon  
Jessie L. Spencer  
Nola H. McCollum  
Mary Lou M. Barnett  
J. Russell Nipper  
Richard E. Hunter, Jr.  
Timothy L. Spear  
John T. Bingham  
Floyd R. Evans  
Wayne Roope  
William G. Stewart  
Harold J. Long  
F. Warren Hughes

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### The Clerks of Superior Court

A Clerk of Superior Court is elected for a four-year term by the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Clerk has jurisdiction to hear and decide special proceedings and is, *ex officio*, judge of probate, in addition to performing record-keeping and administrative functions for both the superior and district courts of his county.

#### Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerk of superior court includes the probate of wills and administration of decedents' estates. It also includes such "special proceedings" as adoptions, condemnations of private property under the public's right of eminent domain, proceedings to establish boundaries, foreclosures, and certain proceedings to administer the estates of minors and incompetent adults. The right of appeal from the clerks' judgments in such cases lies to the superior court.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue search warrants and arrest warrants, subpoenas, and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of his county. For certain misdemeanor criminal offenses, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' waiver of appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule established by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges.

#### Administration

The clerk of superior court performs administrative duties for both the superior and district courts of his county. Among these duties are the maintenance of court records and indexes, the control and accounting of funds, and the furnishing of information to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In most counties, the clerk continues to perform certain functions related to preparation of civil case calendars, and in many counties, the clerk's staff assists the district attorney in preparing criminal case calendars as well. Policy and oversight responsibility for civil case calendaring is vested in the State's senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges. However, day-to-day civil calendar preparation is the clerk's responsibility in all districts except those served by trial court administrators.

#### Expenditures

A total of \$30,479,493 was expended in 1983-84 for the operation of the 100 clerk of superior court offices. In addition to the salaries and other expenses of the clerks and their staffs, this total includes expenditures for jurors' fees, and witness expenses.

Total expenditures for clerks' offices in 1983-84 amounted to 29.3% of the General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department.

#### 1983-84 Caseload

During 1983-84, estate case filings totalled 39,477. This was a slight increase over the 39,188 cases filed in 1982-83. Estate case dispositions totalled 39,872 cases in 1983-84, or 4.6% more than the previous year's total of 38,110. Dispositions exceeded filings by 395 cases. This produced a decrease of the same amount in the number of estate cases pending at the end of the year.

A total of 30,645 special proceedings were filed before the 100 clerks of superior court in 1983-84. This is a decrease of 1,190 cases (3.7%) from the 31,835 filings in the previous fiscal year. During the year, total special proceedings dispositions amounted to 29,007 cases, with a resulting increase in the number of cases pending of 8.0%, from 20,433 on July 1, 1983 to 22,071 as of June 30, 1984.

The clerks of superior court are also responsible for handling the records of all case filings and dispositions in the superior and district courts. The total number of superior court case filings during the 1983-84 year was 80,558 and the total number of district court filings, not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,450,179.

More detailed information on the estates and special proceedings caseloads is included in Part IV of this Report.

#### Association of Clerks of Superior Court (Officers as of June 30, 1984)

Nola H. McCollum, Union County,  
*President*

Major Joines, Burke County,  
*First Vice President*

David J. Beal, Surry County  
*Second Vice President*

John Johnson, Duplin County  
*Secretary*

Frances W. Thompson, Pasquotank County  
*Treasurer*

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### Juvenile Services Division

The Juvenile Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts provides intake, probation and aftercare services to juveniles who are before the District Courts for delinquent matters, *i.e.*, violations of the criminal code, including motor vehicle violations; and for undisciplined matters, such as running away from home, being truant, and being beyond the parents' disciplinary control.

Intake is the screening of complaints alleging delinquent or undisciplined behavior by children, to determine whether petitions should be filed. During the 1983-84 year a total of 18,511 complaints were brought to the attention of intake counselors. Of this number, 11,236 (61%) were approved for filing, and 7,275 (39%) were not approved for filing.

Probation and aftercare refer to supervision of children in their own communities. Probation is authorized by judicial order. Aftercare service is provided for juveniles after their release from a training school. (Protective supervision is also a form of court-ordered supervision within the community; and this service is combined with probation and aftercare.)

In 1983-84 a total of 14,420 juveniles were supervised in the probation and aftercare program.

#### Expenditures

The Juvenile Services Division is State-funded. The expenditures for fiscal year 1983-84 totalled \$7,840,587. This was an increase of 5% over the 1982-83 expenditures. The 1983-84 expenditures amounted to 7.6% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, close to the same percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures for the Division as in the previous fiscal year.

#### Administration

The Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division is appointed by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. A chief court counselor is appointed for each judicial district by the Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division, with the approval of the Chief District Court Judge and the Administrative Officer of the Courts. Subject to the Administrator's general supervision, each chief court counselor exercises administrative supervision over the operation of the court counseling services in the respective districts.

#### Juvenile Services Division Staff (As of June 30, 1984)

Thomas A. Danek, *Administrator*

Edward F. Taylor, *Assistant Administrator*

John T. Wilson, *Program Supervisor*

Jennie E. Cannon, *Education Coordinator*

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### Juvenile Services Division (As of June 30, 1984)

Judicial District	Chief Court Counselors	Judicial District	Chief Court Counselors
1	Robert Hendrix	16	Robert Hughes
2	Vacant	17A and 17B	Martha Lauten
3	Eve C. Rogers	18	J. Manley Dodson
4	Ida Ray Miles	19A and 19B	James Queen
5	William T. Childs	20	Jimmy Craig
6	John R. Brady	21	James J. Weakland
7	Nancy C. Patteson	22	Carl T. Duncan
8	Harold Hinnant	23	Vacant
9	Tommy Lewis	24	Lynn Hughes
10	Vacant	25	Lee Cox
11	Henry C. Cox	26	James Yancey
12	Phil T. Utley	27A	Yvonne Hall
13	Jimmy Godwin	27B	Gloria Newman
14	Fred Elkins	28	Louis Parrish
15A	Harry Derr	29	Kenneth Lanning
15B	Harold Rogerson	30	Betty G. Alley

#### THE COURT COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION

(Officers for 1983-84)

##### Executive Committee Members

John A. Auten, Jr., *President*

James J. Weakland, *President-elect*

Anne Mobley, *Secretary*

Bill Fishel, *Treasurer*

Harold Rogerson, *Parliamentarian*

##### Board Members

###### 1982-84

Pat Jackson  
Eleanor P. Causey  
Pam Honeycutt

###### 1982-85

John Brady  
Mark Vinson  
Horace Walser

###### 1983-86

Fred Elliott  
Jan Dial Smith  
Thomas A. Danek

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### Public Defenders

During 1983-84, there were seven public defender offices in North Carolina, serving Judicial Districts 3,\* 12, 15B, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The public defender for District 28 is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations submitted by the district bar; for other districts, the appointment is by the Governor from recommendations of the respective district bars. Their terms are four years. Each public defender is by statute provided a minimum of one full-time assistant public defender and additional full-time or part-time assistants as may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

#### Entitlement of Indigents to Counsel

A person is determined to be indigent if he is found "financially unable to secure legal representation." He is entitled to State-paid legal representation in: any proceeding which may result in (or which seeks relief from) confinement; a fine of \$500 or more; or extradition to another State; a proceeding alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization, sterilization, or the loss of certain property rights; and juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for a felony trial, or termination of parental rights.

Most of the cases of State-paid representation of indigents in the districts with public defenders are handled by the public defender's office. However, the court may in certain circumstances—such as existence of a potential conflict of interest—assign private counsel to represent an indigent defendant. In the other 28 districts, the assigned private counsel system was the only one used.

#### Expenditures

A total of \$2,531,928 was expended for the operation of the seven public defenders' offices during 1983-84. This was an increase of \$312,162 (14.1%) over the 1982-83 total of \$2,219,766.

\*Public defender serves only two counties of the four in District 3: Pitt and Carteret.

#### 1983-84 Caseload

The seven public defender offices disposed of cases involving a total of 16,825 defendants during 1983-84. This was an increase of 422 defendants, or 2.6%, over the 16,403 defendants represented during 1982-83.

Additional information concerning the operation of these offices is found in Part III of this *Annual Report*.

### PUBLIC DEFENDERS (As of June 30, 1984)

#### District 3

Donald C. Hicks, III, Greenville

#### District 12

Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville

#### District 15B

John Kirk Osborn, Chapel Hill

#### District 18

Wallace G. Harrelson, Greensboro

#### District 26

Isabel S. Day, Charlotte

#### District 27A

Rowell C. Cloninger, Jr., Gastonia

#### District 28

J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

#### The Association of Public Defenders (Officers as of June 30, 1984)

Wallace G. Harrelson, *President*

J. Robert Hufstader, *Vice President*

Steve Ward, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### The Office of the Appellate Defender

(Staff as of June 30, 1984)

*Adam Stein, Appellate Defender*

#### *Assistant Appellate Defenders*

David W. Dorey  
Robin E. Hudson  
Malcolm R. Hunter, Jr.

Lorinzo L. Joyner  
Ann B. Petersen

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to that date, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) In accord with the assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and his staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to the N. C. Supreme Court, the N. C. Court of Appeals, or to Federal courts.

The Appellate Defender is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, but in carrying out his duties he is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to insure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of to the Appellate Defender.

#### **1983-84 Caseload**

As of July 1, 1983, the Appellate Defender had 42 cases pending in the North Carolina Supreme Court. During the 1983-84 year, a total of 45 additional appeals to the Supreme Court were assigned to the Appellate Defender's Office, and during that year a total of 53 cases in the Supreme Court were disposed of. This left 34 cases pending as of June 30, 1984. During the 1983-84 year, the Appellate Defender and his staff filed a total of 37 briefs and 42 petitions in the Supreme Court.

As of July 1, 1983, the Appellate Defender had 139 cases pending in the North Carolina Court of Appeals. During the 1983-84 year, a total of 161 additional appeals to the Court of Appeals were assigned to the Appellate Defender's Office, and during that year, a total of 130 cases in the Court of Appeals were disposed of. This left 170 cases pending as of June 30, 1984. During the 1983-84 year, the Appellate Defender and his staff filed a total of 102 briefs and 16 petitions in the Court of Appeals.

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### The North Carolina Courts Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1984)

#### Appointed by the Governor

H. Parks Helms, Charlotte, *Chairman*  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Wade Barber, Jr., Pittsboro  
District Attorney

Daniel T. Blue, Jr., Raleigh  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Rebecca B. Hundley, Thomasville

Louise B. Wilson, Graham  
Clerk of Court

Dennis J. Winner, Asheville  
Member, N. C. State Senate

#### Appointed by President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor)

Julian R. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids  
Member, N.C. Senate

Fielding Clark, II, Hickory

E. Lawrence Davis, Raleigh

Alfred M. Goodwin, Louisburg  
Magistrate

R.C. Soles, Jr., Tabor City  
Member, N. C. Senate

Howard F. Twiggs, Raleigh

#### Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

Robert M. Clay, Raleigh  
N.C. Bar Association Representative

William K. Davis, Raleigh  
N.C. State Bar Representative

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr., Raleigh  
Administrative Officer of the Courts

#### Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

David M. Britt, Raleigh  
Retired Associate Justice, N. C. Supreme Court

Robert C. Hunter, Marion  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Ralph S. Knott, Louisburg  
Clerk of Court

Hugh A. Lee, Rockingham  
Member, N. C. House of Representatives

Marvin D. Musselwhite, Jr., Raleigh  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Dennis A. Wicker, Sanford  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

#### Appointed by the Chief Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court

Burley B. Mitchell, Jr., Raleigh  
Associate Justice, N. C. Supreme Court

Clifton E. Johnson, Charlotte  
Judge, N. C. Court of Appeals

Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown  
Superior Court Judge

Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory  
Superior Court Judge

Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids  
District Court Judge

Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton  
District Court Judge

The North Carolina Courts Commission was reestablished by the 1979 General Assembly "to make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of the Judicial Department and of the General Court of Justice and to make recommendations to the General Assembly for such changes therein as will facilitate the administration of justice". Initially, the Commission was comprised of 15 voting members, with five each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor), and the Speaker of the House. The Commission also had three *ex officio* members as shown above.

The 1981 General Assembly amended the statutes pertaining to the Courts Commission, to increase the number of voting members from 15 to 23, with the Governor to appoint seven voting members, the President of the Senate to appoint eight voting members, and the Speaker of the House to appoint eight voting members. The non-voting *ex officio* members remained the same: a representative of the North Carolina Bar Association, a representative of the North Carolina State Bar, and the Administrative Officer of the Courts.

The 1983 Session of the General Assembly further amended G.S. 7A-506, to revise the voting membership

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### The North Carolina Courts Commission

of the Commission. Effective July 1, 1983, the Commission is to consist of 24 voting members, six to be appointed by the Governor; six to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; six to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and six to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The Governor continues to appoint the Chairman of the Commission, from among its legislative members. The non-voting *ex officio* membership of three persons remains the same.

Of the six appointees of the Chief Justice, one is to be a Justice of the Supreme Court, one is to be a Judge of the Court of Appeals, two are to be judges of superior court, and two are to be judges of district court.

Of the six appointees of the Governor, one is to be a district attorney, one a practicing attorney, one a clerk of superior court, and three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly and at least one of these shall not be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the Speaker of the House, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, and three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly, and at least one of these three is not to be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the President of the Senate, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly, and at least one is to be a magistrate.

During the 1983-84 year the Courts Commission had a total of seven meetings, with public hearings held in Roanoke Rapids and in Raleigh.

In its report to the 1984 Session of the General Assembly, the Commission reaffirmed its support for proposals introduced at the 1983 Session but not acted upon, and which were eligible for consideration in 1984. The proposals were:

- To allow recall of retired appellate Supreme Court Justices to service on either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals (H 310).

- To allow magistrates salary credit for previous experience in a clerk's office or as a law enforcement officer (H 473).
- To classify minor traffic offenses as infractions, and provide a procedure for disposition of infractions (H 491).
- To allow trial judges to award attorneys fees to the prevailing party in certain civil actions (H474). The first three bills listed above were postponed indefinitely at the 1984 "short" session. The fourth bill was enacted into law (G.S. 6-21.5).

The Courts Commission also recommended two new bills to the 1984 Session. One provided clarifying amendments to the court cost provisions which were approved at the 1983 Session; and that proposal was enacted into law. The other bill was designed to clarify that part-time magistrates would be entitled to earn retirement credits in the state retirement system and to receive benefits under the State's health plan. No action was taken on that proposal by the 1984 Session; and it is expected to be reintroduced and considered at the 1985 Session of the General Assembly.

In addition, the Commission expressed its general support for additional appropriations for the court system, to enable the courts to handle the significant impact produced by two major pieces of legislation enacted in 1983: the Safe Roads Act and the Child Support Enforcement Act.

Finally, the Commission recommended the necessary funding for two additional steps in the longevity pay schedule for judges. Such longevity pay was approved at the 1984 Session, for judges as well as for district attorneys and clerks of court.

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

### The Judicial Standards Commission (Members as of June 30, 1984)

#### Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Gerald Arnold,  
Fuquay-Varina, *Chairman*

Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Albright,  
Greensboro

District Court Judge L. T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro

#### Elected by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Jerome B. Clark, Jr., Fayetteville, *Vice Chairman*

E. K. Powe, Durham

Deborah R. Carrington, *Executive Secretary*

#### Appointed by the Governor

Susan Whittington, Wilkesboro, *Secretary*

Veatrice C. Davis, Fayetteville

## THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November 1972.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. In addition, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

Where a recommendation for censure or removal involves a justice of the Supreme Court, the recommendation and supporting record is filed with the Court of Appeals which has and proceeds under the same authority for censure or removal of a judge. Such a proceeding would be heard by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the six judges senior in service, excluding the Court of Appeals judge who by law serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

In addition to a recommendation of censure or removal, the Commission also utilizes a disciplinary measure known as a reprimand. The reprimand is a mechanism administratively developed for dealing with inquiries where the conduct involved does not warrant censure or removal, but where some action is justified. Since the establishment of the Judicial Standards Commission in 1973, reprimands have been issued in thirteen instances covering 19 inquiries.

During the 1 July 1983 - 30 June 1984 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates: 23 September 1983, 2 December 1983, 22 February 1984, and 15 June 1984. In addition, the Commission convened on 22 February 1984 for a hearing involving three inquiries.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." Twenty-eight such inquiries were pending as of 1 July 1983, and 60 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 88 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 80 inquiries, and 8 inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The determinations of the Commission regarding the 80 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

- (1) 55 inquiries were determined to involve matters for appeal or other legal remedy, evidentiary rulings, length of sentences, or other matters not within the Commission's jurisdiction rather than questions of judicial misconduct;
- (2) five inquiries were determined to involve allegations of conduct which did not rise to such a level as would warrant investigation by the Commission;
- (3) 13 inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of 4 preliminary investigations;
- (4) six inquiries covered in 2 preliminary investigative files were determined to warrant the issuance of private reprimands; and

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- (5) one inquiry was determined to warrant a recommendation of removal following a hearing in the matter which had been held in the 1982-83 fiscal year.

The recommendation of removal filed by the Commission on 15 August 1983 in Inquiry Concerning a Judge, No. 76 (Charles T. Kivett, Respondent), was adopted by the Supreme Court on 6 December 1983. *In re Kivett*, 309 N.C. 635, 309 S.E.2d 442 (1983).

Of the eight inquiries pending at the end of the fiscal year:

- (1) three inquiries were awaiting initial review by the Commission; and
- (2) five inquiries covered in five preliminary investigative files were awaiting completion of the investigation or were subject to other action by the Commission.

# **PART III**

## **COURT RESOURCES**

- **Financial**
- **Personnel**



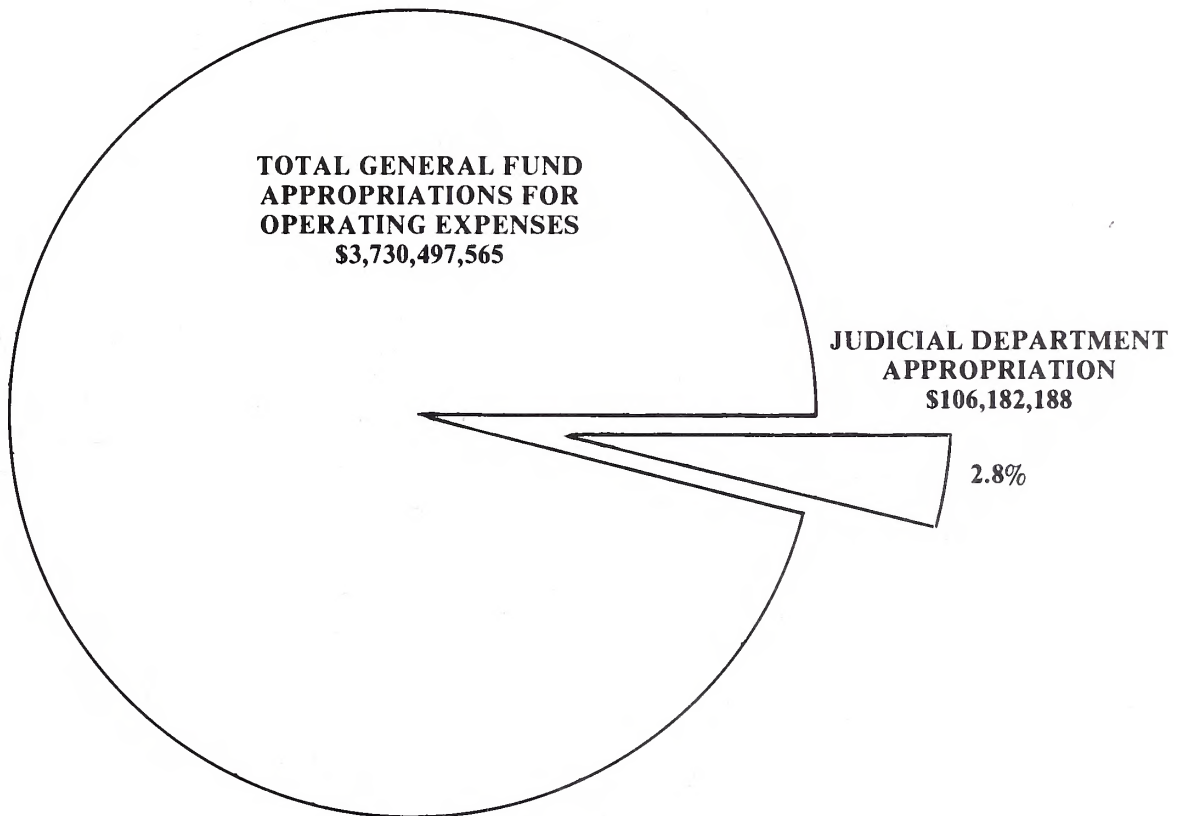
## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Under the State Constitution the operating expenses of the Judicial Department (all North Carolina courts) "other than compensation to process servers and other locally paid non-judicial officers" are required to be paid from State funds. It is customary legislative practice for the General Assembly to include appropriations for the operating expenses of all three branches of State government in a single budget bill, for a two-year period ending on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. The budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during the even-year legislative session.

Building facilities for the appellate courts are provided by State funds, but, by statute, the county governments are required to provide from county funds for adequate facilities for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties.

Appropriations from the State's General Fund for operating expenses for all departments and agencies of State government, including the Judicial Department, totalled \$3,730,497,565 for the 1983-84 fiscal year. (Appropriations from the Highway Fund and appropriations from the General Fund for capital improvements and debt servicing are not included in this total.)

The appropriation from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for 1983-84 was \$106,182,188. As illustrated in the chart below, this General Fund appropriation for the Judicial Department comprised 2.8% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of all State agencies and departments.



## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Appropriations from the State's general fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past five fiscal years are shown in the table below and in the graph at the top of the following page. For comparative purposes, appropriations from the general fund for oper-

ating expenses of all State agencies and departments (including the Judicial Department) for the last five fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

### APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

Fiscal Year	Judicial Department		All State Agencies	
	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year
1979-1980	71,616,057	12.45	2,761,002,481	12.60
1980-1981	82,929,174	15.80	3,140,949,832	13.76
1981-1982	89,631,765	8.08	3,339,761,674	6.33
1982-1983	93,927,824	4.79	3,488,908,246	4.47
1983-1984	106,182,188	13.05	3,730,497,565	6.92
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1979-1984		10.83%		8.82%

During the past decade, including the five-year period covered by the above table, inflation has been a significant factor in the national economy. For example, during 1979-80 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the average person spent for goods and services more than twice the amount required for the same goods and services in 1967.

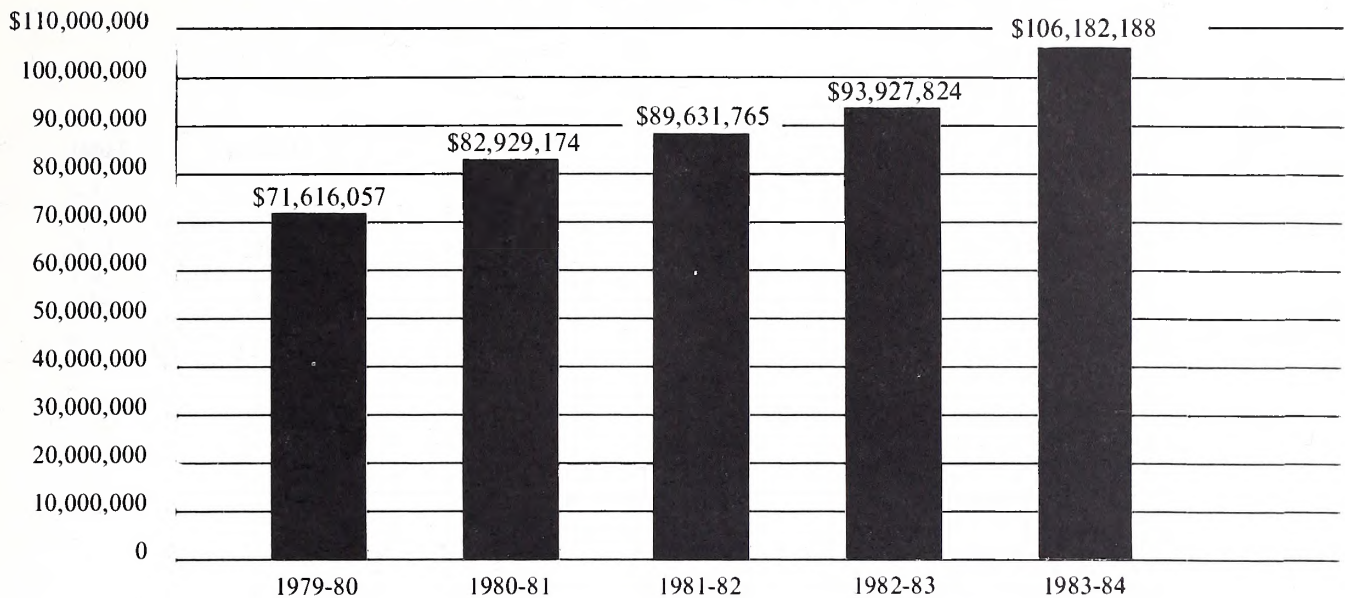
The greatest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the last five years was for the

1980-81 fiscal year. The increase for that year was due in large measure to a 10% pay increase for Judicial Branch personnel, with the same pay increase provided for personnel of all State government agencies.

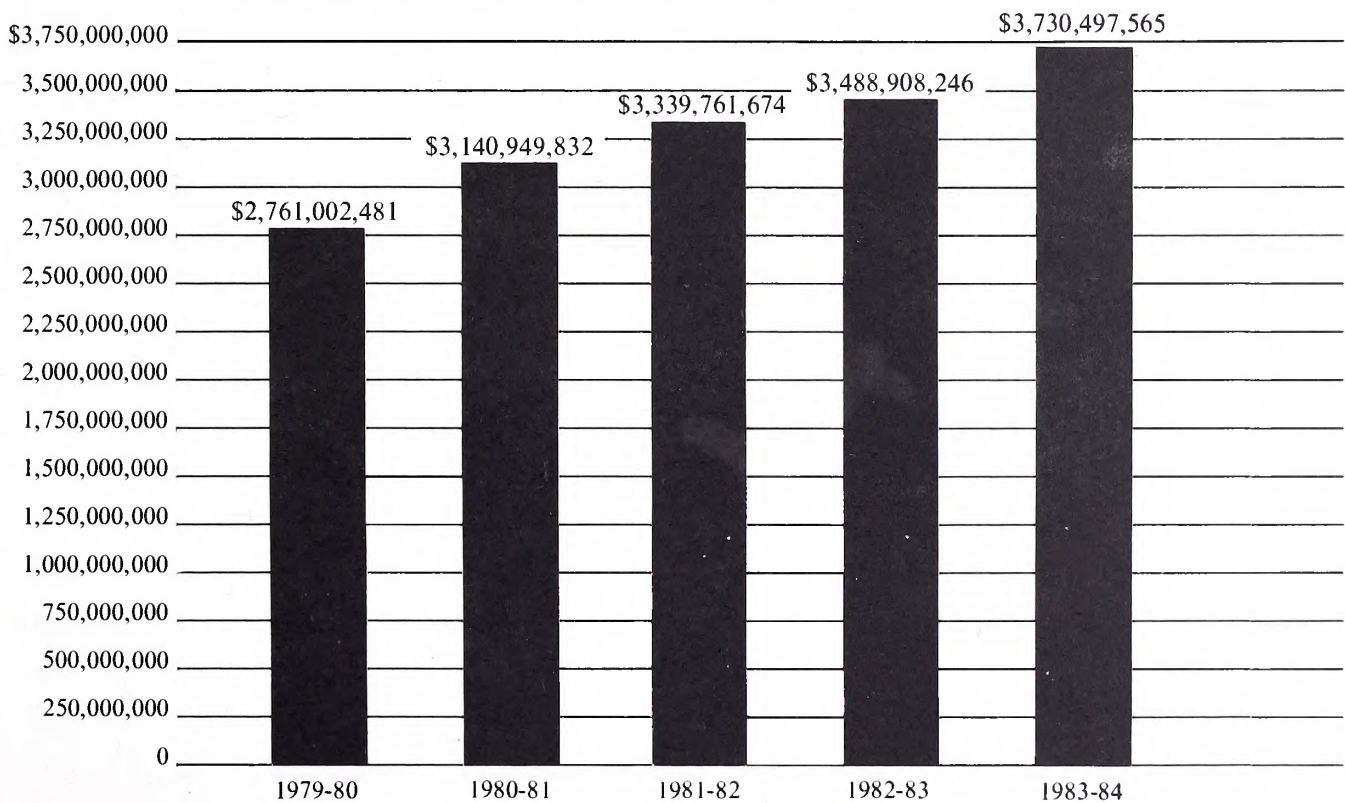
Fiscal year 1982-83 shows the smallest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the five-year period. The decline in percentage increase that year was consistent with a similar decline for all state government agencies.

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses Of the Judicial Department, 1979-80 — 1983-84



### General Fund Appropriations for Operational Expenses Of All State Agencies and Departments, 1979-80 — 1983-84



# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

## Expenditures July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

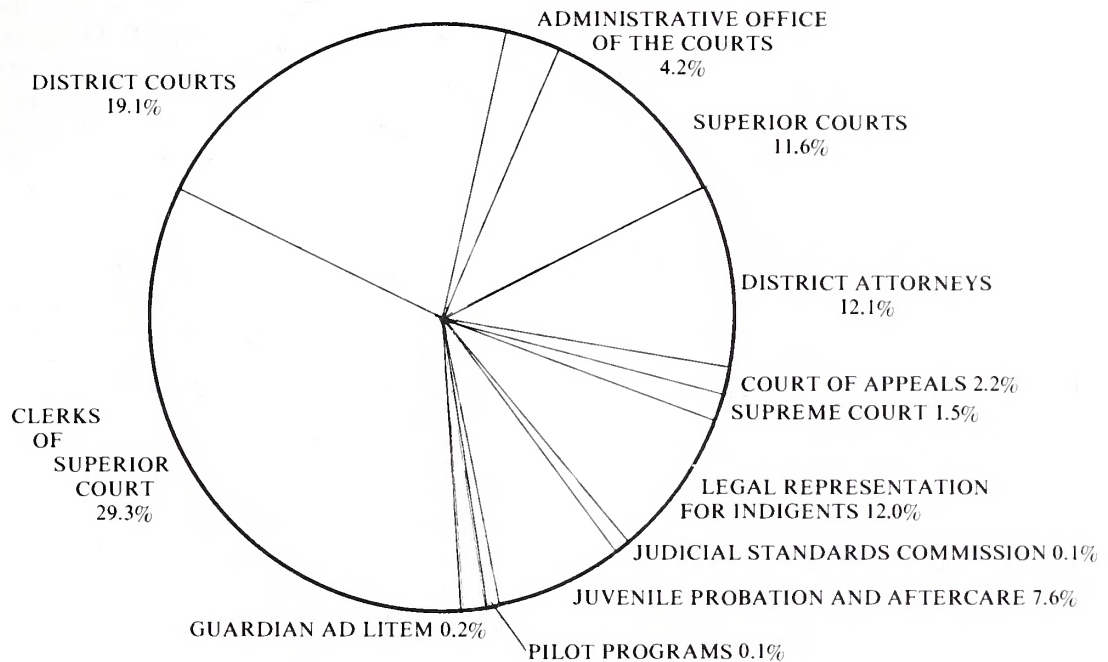
General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1983-84 fiscal year

totalled \$103,870,583, divided among the major budget classifications as shown below.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	\$ 1,571,316	1.5
Court of Appeals	2,260,654	2.2
Superior Courts	12,061,852	11.6
District Courts	19,845,501	19.1
Clerks of Superior Court	30,479,493	29.3
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	7,840,587	7.6
Representation for Indigents	12,673,701	12.2
Assigned private counsel \$8,301,679		
Guardian <i>ad litem</i> for juveniles \$704,603		
Guardian <i>ad litem</i> —volunteer and contract program \$167,251		
Public defenders \$2,531,928		
Special counsel at mental hospitals \$167,336		
Support services (expert witness fees, professional examinations, transcripts) \$450,684		
Appellate Defender Services \$350,220		
District Attorney Offices	12,583,502	12.1
Office-District Attorney \$12,540,083		
District Attorneys' Conference \$43,419		
Administrative Office of the Courts	4,407,264	4.2
General Administration \$2,214,386		
Information Services \$1,944,624		
Warehouse & Printing \$248,254		
Judicial Standards Commission	93,900	.1
Pilot Programs	52,813	.1
Custody Mediation Pilot \$34,659		
Outpatient Commitment Pilot \$1,587		
Indigency Screening Pilot \$16,567		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,870,583</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Expenditures, July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

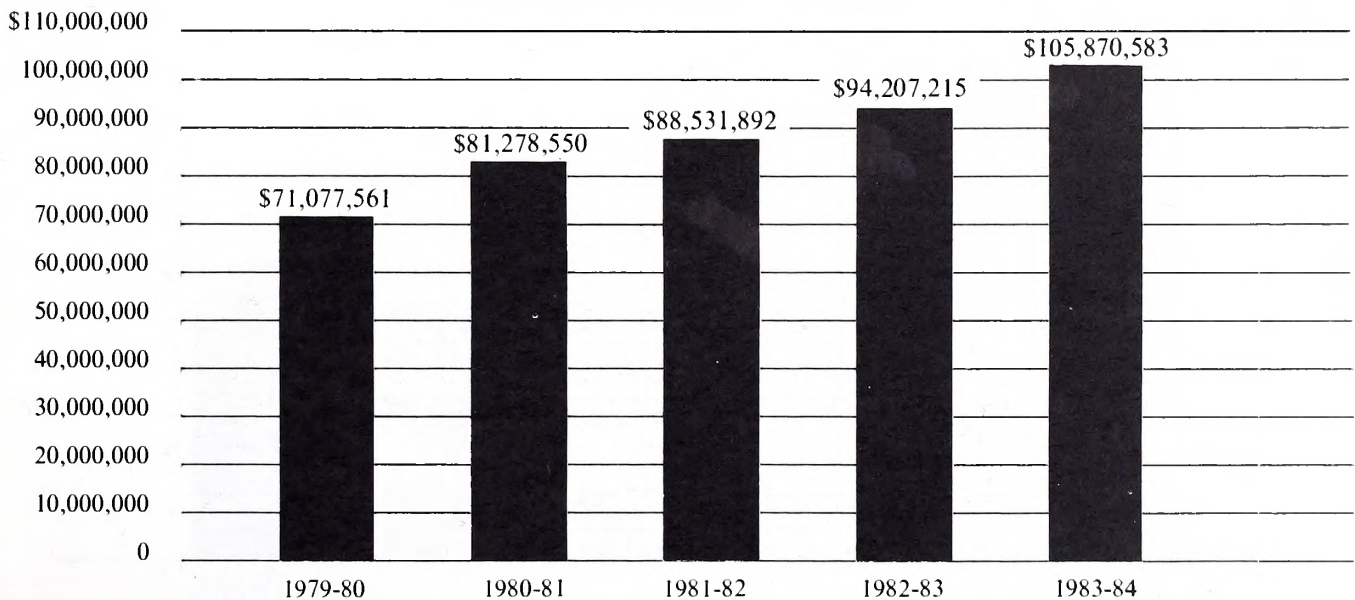


As the above chart illustrates, most (72%) of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts: operation of superior courts took 11.6% of total expenditures; operation of the district courts (including magistrates, judges and court reports) took 19.1% of the total; the clerks' offices, 29.3 of the

total; and district attorneys offices, 12.1% of total Judicial Department expenditures.

The total General Fund expenditures of \$103,870,583 for 1983-84 represents a 10.3% increase over expenditures of \$94,207,215 in 1982-83.

### General Fund Expenditures For The Judicial Department Fiscal Years 1979-80 — 1983-84



## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### Department Receipts July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1983-84 fiscal year totalled \$63,603,062. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in the previous years, the major source of receipts is the assessment of "court costs" in superior and district courts, paid by litigants in accordance with the schedule of costs and fees set out in G.S. 7A-304 *et seq.*; these payments consti-

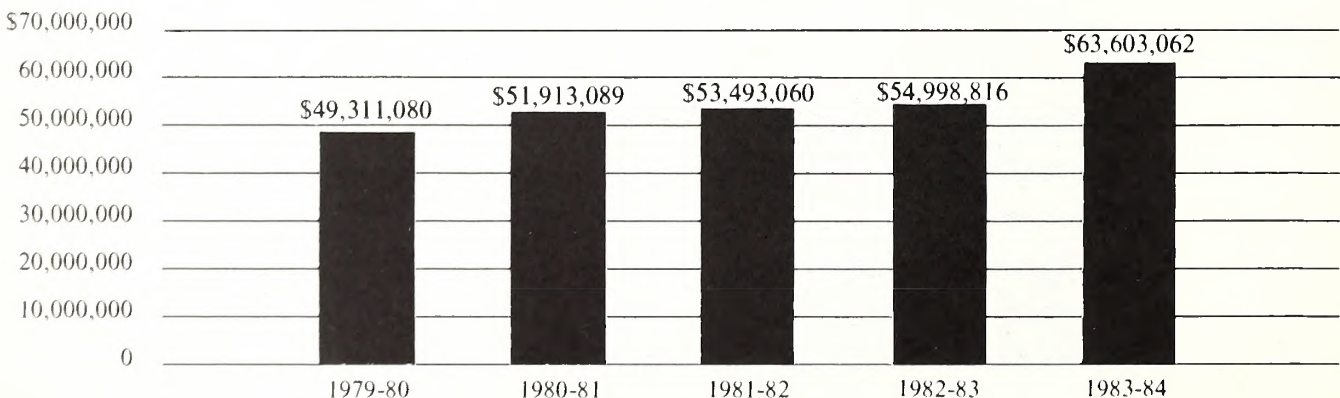
tuted 65.61% of the total receipts during 1983-84. Fines and forfeitures made up 31.14% of the total. Receipts in the remaining categories — Supreme Court and Court of Appeals filing fees, sales of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals *Reports* and payments on indigent representation judgements — made up less than three percent of the total.

Source of Receipts	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 11,536	.02
Court of Appeals Fees	36,586	.06
Superior and District Court Costs	41,731,911	65.61
Fines and Forfeitures	19,804,537	31.14
Sales of Appellate Division <i>Reports</i>	154,841	.24
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgements	1,241,413	1.95
Ten-Day License Revocation Fee	622,238	.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,603,062</b>	<b>100.00</b>

This total of \$63,603,062 is an increase of 15.6% over total 1982-83 receipts of \$54,998,816. The graph below

illustrates increases in recent years in total Judicial Department receipts.

### Judicial Department Receipts, 1979-80 — 1983-84



## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### Distribution of Judicial Department Receipts (July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984)

As required by the State Constitution, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts in criminal cases are distributed to the respective counties in which the cases are tried. These funds must be used by the counties for the support of the public schools.

A uniform schedule of court costs for civil and criminal cases, comprised of a variety of fees, is set by statute for cases filed in the superior and district courts. Statutes prescribe the distribution of these fees and provide that certain fees shall be devoted to specific uses. For example, a facilities fee is included in court costs when costs are assessed, and this fee is paid over to the respective county or municipality which provided the facility used in the case. These fees must be utilized by the counties and municipalities to provide and maintain courtrooms and related judicial facilities.

Officer fees (for arrest or service of process) are included, where applicable, in the costs of each case filed in the trial courts. If a municipal officer performed these services in a case, the fee is paid over to the respective municipality. Otherwise, all officer fees are paid to the respective counties in which the cases are filed.

A jail fee is included in the costs of each case where applicable; and these fees are distributed to the respective

county or municipality whose facilities were used. Most jail facilities in the State are provided by the counties.

A fee for the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund is included as a part of court costs when costs are assessed in a criminal case. As required by statute, the Judicial Department remits these fees to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund.

Except as indicated, all superior and district court costs collected by the Judicial Department are paid into the State's General Fund, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

When private counsel or a public defender is assigned to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal case the trial judge sets the money value for the services rendered. If the defendant is convicted, a judgment lien is entered against him for such amount. Collections on these judgments are paid into and retained by the department to defray the costs of legal representation of indigents. The Ten-Day License Revocation Fee is paid into and retained by the department to defray the costs of implementing the 1983 Safe Roads Act.

	Amount	% of Total
<b>Remitted to State Treasurer</b>		
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 11,536	.02
Court of Appeals Fees	36,586	.06
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	154,841	.24
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund Fees	2,326,563	3.66
Other Superior and District Court Fees	28,384,258	44.63
<b>Total to State Treasurer</b>	<b>30,913,784</b>	<b>48.61</b>
<b>Distributed to Counties</b>		
Fines and Forfeitures	19,804,537	31.14
Judicial Facilities Fees	5,889,717	9.26
Officer Fees	2,972,783	4.67
Jail Fees	516,023	.81
<b>Total to Counties</b>	<b>29,183,060</b>	<b>45.88</b>
<b>Distributed to Municipalities</b>		
Judicial Facilities Fees	290,163	.46
Officer Fees	1,345,710	2.11
Jail Fees	6,694	.01
<b>Total to Municipalities</b>	<b>1,642,567</b>	<b>2.58</b>
<b>Retained by Judicial Department</b>		
Payments on Indigent Representation		
Judgements	1,241,413	1.95
Ten-day license Revocation Fees	622,238	.98
<b>Total retained by Judicial Department</b>	<b>1,863,651</b>	<b>2.93</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63,603,062</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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### Amounts of Fees, Fines and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities\* July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			Total
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	
Alamance	\$ 92,777	\$ 50,068	\$ 15,189	\$ 327,476	\$ -0-	\$ 18,057	\$ -0-	\$ 503,566
Alexander	14,928	9,216	4,085	77,044	-0-	352	-0-	105,625
Alleghany	7,429	3,374	1,735	21,711	-0-	365	-0-	34,614
Anson	26,213	14,663	1,809	65,349	-0-	1,030	-0-	109,064
Ashe	16,012	13,179	1,785	65,455	-0-	144	-0-	96,575
Avery	11,847	9,044	1,219	60,501	-0-	88	-0-	82,699
Beaufort	44,464	35,039	5,746	130,902	155	6,510	-0-	222,816
Bertie	23,408	20,124	2,874	70,872	-0-	1,104	-0-	118,381
Bladen	36,117	31,368	1,096	121,211	1,320	1,100	-0-	192,212
Brunswick	32,467	17,574	4,055	189,247	2,490	1,928	-0-	247,761
Buncombe	167,422	95,906	7,167	593,888	-0-	45,708	-0-	910,091
Burke	69,406	36,940	2,562	213,665	-0-	7,574	-0-	330,147
Cabarrus	98,696	73,478	10,958	315,385	-0-	8,376	-0-	506,893
Caldwell	60,623	24,747	3,791	162,509	-0-	9,024	-0-	260,694
Camden	6,526	5,148	1,209	27,775	-0-	-0-	-0-	40,658
Carteret	56,373	29,244	2,378	216,066	-0-	11,301	-0-	315,362
Caswell	17,397	15,574	1,796	75,763	-0-	-0-	-0-	110,530
Catawba	44,741	31,054	5,560	260,824	54,665	25,872	1,419	424,135
Chatham	22,284	21,732	1,168	79,509	7,151	1,165	175	133,184
Cherokee	13,368	9,868	2,385	58,337	-0-	1,399	110	85,467
Chowan	14,545	8,522	807	59,418	-0-	3,354	-0-	86,646
Clay	4,017	2,716	520	18,644	-0-	-0-	-0-	25,897
Cleveland	64,731	26,439	5,037	192,522	-0-	9,641	-0-	298,370
Columbus	49,840	44,431	5,222	168,785	2,775	4,513	80	275,645
Craven	82,884	30,315	6,428	273,431	-0-	19,650	-0-	412,708
Cumberland	258,549	95,895	29,035	1,048,991	-0-	49,287	-0-	1,481,757
Currituck	14,962	12,001	1,380	75,135	-0-	-0-	-0-	103,478
Dare	37,051	20,930	2,926	255,494	-0-	2,772	-0-	324,173
Davidson	81,081	64,322	6,484	294,403	11,426	6,352	-0-	464,068
Davie	21,610	15,234	776	61,493	-0-	1,030	-0-	100,143
Duplin	36,127	19,771	2,933	153,782	-0-	696	405	213,714
Durham	228,076	57,358	3,187	409,039	-0-	90,293	-0-	787,952
Edgecombe	36,651	46,419	7,512	113,149	26,836	11,904	395	242,866
Forsyth	282,895	36,741	16,219	756,376	3,361	122,037	-0-	1,217,629
Franklin	23,237	13,754	6,160	93,386	-0-	458	70	137,155
Gaston	125,522	85,020	14,532	435,468	-0-	13,906	-0-	674,448
Gates	8,290	5,771	665	40,999	-0-	-0-	-0-	55,725
Graham	4,607	3,616	1,185	44,709	-0-	48	-0-	54,165
Granville	34,511	16,128	3,747	124,912	-0-	4,975	185	184,458
Greene	12,194	9,444	1,241	39,844	-0-	-0-	-0-	62,723
Guilford	386,899	64,186	18,342	898,705	-0-	157,690	-0-	1,525,822
Halifax	59,894	43,847	10,200	217,825	7,788	15,861	349	355,764
Harnett	39,903	28,673	6,916	140,046	8,299	3,572	335	227,744
Haywood	40,373	29,598	3,040	179,819	395	2,344	10	255,579
Henderson	50,754	28,252	7,293	198,419	500	4,278	-0-	289,496
Hertford	28,656	19,558	4,055	82,116	-0-	1,626	-0-	136,010
Hoke	22,840	14,256	3,499	98,289	-0-	1,568	-0-	140,451
Hyde	7,722	5,999	780	34,159	-0-	-0-	-0-	48,660
Iredell	57,697	30,157	4,150	249,498	12,386	10,671	321	364,881
Jackson	18,290	13,384	1,994	63,667	-0-	-0-	-0-	97,336

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	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			Total
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	
Johnston	59,603	45,021	12,796	280,599	11,405	5,410	270	415,104
Jones	8,881	5,990	665	29,088	-0-	456	-0-	45,080
Lee	51,551	27,498	13,032	165,659	-0-	9,932	-0-	267,672
Lenoir	66,835	27,201	6,537	211,182	378	11,976	-0-	324,108
Lincoln	30,652	19,628	642	78,175	-0-	1,780	-0-	130,877
Macon	\$ 17,990	13,908	1,309	74,859	-0-	328	-0-	108,395
Madison	9,606	7,404	15	30,321	-0-	40	-0-	47,386
Martin	226,983	19,845	2,258	74,964	-0-	2,144	35	126,229
McDowell	31,356	20,784	1,609	123,671	-0-	1,764	-0-	179,184
Mecklenburg	527,284	207,575	5	1,321,971	-0-	168,984	-0-	2,225,819
Mitchell	7,374	5,534	785	34,833	-0-	452	-0-	48,978
Montgomery	33,300	29,186	2,000	76,139	-0-	1,520	-0-	142,145
Moore	56,446	38,773	2,684	218,382	3,902	7,652	105	327,944
Nash	49,174	55,017	11,505	200,646	37,498	15,987	956	370,782
New Hanover	124,975	40,960	11,377	447,531	-0-	26,643	5	651,491
Northampton	25,847	21,805	3,305	112,907	-0-	1,290	-0-	165,154
Onslow	105,889	56,118	21,484	378,654	-0-	31,479	-0-	593,623
Orange	40,017	29,524	3,209	203,843	24,747	15,718	235	317,292
Pamlico	7,014	5,666	382	19,936	-0-	4	-0-	33,002
Pasquotank	26,723	12,258	4,399	123,464	-0-	8,491	-0-	175,336
Pender	23,972	15,992	3,226	104,652	-0-	704	-0-	148,545
Perquimans	9,435	6,301	735	30,453	-0-	1,139	-0-	48,063
Person	25,458	18,808	1,901	85,408	-0-	2,581	-0-	134,156
Pitt	89,976	32,466	5,777	272,949	6,903	27,420	530	436,021
Polk	11,836	9,095	1,723	89,103	-0-	456	-0-	112,213
Randolph	69,871	58,755	2,825	210,947	2,155	8,636	-0-	353,189
Richmond	36,911	23,820	3,701	121,105	-0-	2,848	-0-	188,385
Robeson	96,172	62,120	13,894	476,886	30,669	21,831	449	702,020
Rockingham	61,709	37,690	8,341	285,199	21,701	19,498	10	434,148
Rowan	85,302	52,898	11,881	276,552	-0-	20,121	-0-	446,755
Rutherford	45,590	24,622	6,659	159,004	-0-	8,282	-0-	244,157
Sampson	55,902	42,100	7,184	169,502	-0-	1,612	-0-	276,301
Scotland	40,180	29,167	4,854	140,346	-0-	5,316	-0-	219,862
Stanly	42,393	14,601	3,434	176,554	-0-	5,488	-0-	242,471
Stokes	22,268	12,989	3,726	70,873	-0-	680	-0-	110,536
Surry	56,238	46,409	3,344	168,240	1,254	5,596	85	281,167
Swain	7,288	4,880	5,047	29,802	-0-	472	-0-	47,489
Transylvania	17,826	13,988	5,278	80,959	-0-	2,414	-0-	120,465
Tyrrell	4,657	3,071	520	14,306	-0-	-0-	-0-	22,554
Union	52,765	37,068	6,848	327,481	-0-	7,000	-0-	431,162
Vance	42,640	21,414	4,730	139,829	-0-	5,356	-0-	213,969
Wake	391,811	88,546	27,965	1,210,715	7,570	164,928	45	1,891,580
Warren	17,008	13,304	1,036	54,228	-0-	474	-0-	86,050
Washington	11,163	8,926	1,207	31,050	-0-	778	-0-	53,124
Watauga	28,242	20,324	4,611	121,808	-0-	2,566	-0-	177,551
Wayne	83,008	44,742	3,576	268,229	2,435	17,972	115	420,077
Wilkes	55,662	30,840	5,453	224,368	-0-	1,466	-0-	317,789
Wilson	62,018	39,921	5,038	135,293	-0-	12,248	-0-	254,518
Yadkin	28,586	21,419	5,177	144,679	-0-	506	-0-	200,367
Yancey	9,336	6,735	1,505	21,183	-0-	648	-0-	39,407
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>5,889,717</b>	<b>2,972,783</b>	<b>516,023</b>	<b>19,804,537</b>	<b>290,163</b>	<b>1,345,710</b>	<b>6,694</b>	<b>30,825,626</b>

\*Facility and jail fees are distributed to the respective counties and municipalities which furnished the facilities. If the officer who made the arrest or served the process was employed by a municipality, the officer fee is distributed to the municipality; otherwise all officer fees are distributed to the respective counties. By provision of the State Constitution, fines and forfeitures collected by the courts within a county are distributed to that county for support of the public schools.

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### Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Sections 7A-450 *et seq.* These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution or transfer to superior court for trial as an adult. Legal representation for indigents may be by assignment of private counsel, by assignment of special public counsel (involving mental hospital commitments), or by assignment of a public defender.

Seven of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender: Districts 3, 12, 15B, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The other 27 districts utilize only assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in the seven districts which have a public defender in the event of a conflict of interests involving the public defender's office and the indigent and in the event of unusual circumstances when, in the opinion of the court, the proper administration of justice requires the assignment of private counsel rather than the public defender in those cases.

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to October 1, 1981, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) Pursuant to assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and his staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. The Appellate Defender is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief

Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to insure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of to the Appellate Defender. The case and cost data reported below reflect the activity of this office in both the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental hospital is entitled to a judicial hearing (before a district court judge) within 90 days after the initial commitment, a further hearing within 180 days after the initial commitment, and thereafter a hearing once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment.

Finally, the State provides a guardian *ad litem* for children alleged to be neglected in juvenile petitions unless the court finds that the child is not in need of and cannot benefit from such representation.

The cost of all programs of indigent representation, rounded to the nearest dollar, was \$12,673,701 in the 1983-84 fiscal year, compared to \$12,284,119 in the 1982-83 fiscal year, an increase of 3.2%. The total amount expended for these activities was 12.2% of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1983-84 fiscal year.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents for the fiscal year, July 1, 1983 through June 30, 1984.

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### Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Per Case
<b>Assigned Private Counsel</b>			
Capital offense cases	366	\$ 782,633	\$2,138
Adult cases (other than capital)	35,120	6,992,648	199
Juvenile cases	5,365	526,398	98
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40,851</b>	<b>\$ 8,301,679</b>	<b>\$ 203</b>
<b>Guardian <i>ad litem</i> for juveniles</b>	<b>4,977</b>	<b>704,603</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Guardian <i>ad litem</i>-volunteer and contract program</b>		<b>167,251</b>	
<b>Public Defender Offices</b>			
District 3*	1,156	\$ 242,466	\$ 210
District 12	2,798	476,501	170
District 15B	354	145,932	412
District 18	2,981	549,084	184
District 26	6,362	609,894	96
District 27A	1,769	286,374	162
District 28	1,409	221,677	157
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,829</b>	<b>\$ 2,531,928</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>
<b>Appellate Defender Office</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>\$ 350,220</b>	<b>\$1,692</b>
<b>Special Counsel at mental hospitals</b>		<b>\$ 167,336</b>	
<b>Transcripts, records and briefs</b>		<b>367,439</b>	
<b>Professional examinations</b>		<b>42,894</b>	
<b>Expert witness fees</b>		<b>40,351</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$12,673,701</b>	

\*For only Pitt and Carteret counties in District 3.

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### Special Counsel at Mental Hospitals

The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was \$167,336 for the 1983-84 fiscal year. There were a total of 9,448 hearings held during the year, for an average cost per hearing of \$17.71 for the special counsel service.

The following table presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental hospitals in 1983-84. The total number of hearings in 1983-84 was 1,447 less than the number held in 1982-83, for a 13.3% decrease in number of hearings held during the year.

	Broughton	Cherry	Dorothea Dix	John Umstead	Totals
<b>Initial Hearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	802	1,060	653	1,167	3,682
Commitment to outpatient clinic	271	225	11	81	588
Discharge	909	492	427	604	2,432
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>1,777</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>6,702</b>
<b>First Rehearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	107	253	160	343	863
Commitment to outpatient clinic	32	4	4	9	49
Discharge	93	138	34	158	423
<b>Totals</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>1,335</b>
<b>Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	161	310	280	485	1,236
Commitment to outpatient clinic	4	0	1	5	10
Discharge	25	8	17	56	106
<b>Totals</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>1,352</b>
<b>Modification of Prior Order Hearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	2	13	0	4	19
Commitment to outpatient clinic	20	3	12	0	35
Discharge	2	3	0	0	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	1,072	1,636	1,093	1,999	5,800
Commitment to outpatient clinic	327	232	28	95	682
Discharge	1,029	641	478	818	2,966
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>2,509</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>9,448</b>

# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

## Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem Number of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
<i>District 1</i>				
Camden	22	\$5,877	6	\$832
Chowan	82	15,712	8	821
Currituck	52	12,447	13	2,301
Dare	109	33,453	10	1,640
Gates	27	9,369	1	40
Pasquotank	251	51,448	23	2,125
Perquimans	47	7,330	8	1,103
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>135,635</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>8,861</b>
<i>District 2</i>				
Beaufort	275	63,709	36	3,277
Hyde	64	17,303	8	680
Martin	157	43,871	14	775
Tyrrell	39	12,503	—	—
Washington	94	18,189	18	1,125
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>155,576</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>5,857</b>
<i>District 3</i>				
Carteret	44	10,962	28	2,431
Craven	534	130,345	67	7,555
Pamlico	24	3,485	3	575
Pitt	146	76,840	30	5,065
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>221,631</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>15,625</b>
<i>District 4</i>				
Duplin	231	71,842	24	2,775
Jones	40	9,770	1	150
Onslow	537	163,487	153	13,236
Sampson	290	91,736	65	6,550
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>336,835</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>22,711</b>
<i>District 5</i>				
New Hanover	767	244,477	52	9,336
Pender	91	19,053	12	1,542
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>263,530</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>10,878</b>
<i>District 6</i>				
Bertie	157	41,229	34	2,525
Halifax	509	111,847	43	4,950
Hertford	233	50,346	73	4,935
Northampton	151	50,491	36	2,972
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>253,914</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>15,382</b>
<i>District 7</i>				
Edgecombe	580	119,451	23	4,175
Nash	484	108,647	30	4,500
Wilson	699	149,844	21	2,615
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>377,942</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>11,290</b>

# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

## Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem Number of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
<u>District 8</u>				
Greene	103	\$ 19,206	5	\$ 734
Lenoir	739	128,348	45	15,976
Wayne	958	162,700	39	6,947
District Totals	1,800	310,254	89	23,657
<u>District 9</u>				
Franklin	237	41,655	7	1,425
Granville	353	61,089	16	2,716
Person	212	43,872	30	5,265
Vance	490	104,727	12	2,300
Warren	117	23,586	7	1,573
District Totals	1,409	274,930	72	13,279
<u>District 10</u>				
Wake	2,682	541,178	240	54,167
<u>District 11</u>				
Harnett	347	54,475	61	8,985
Johnston	651	78,202	26	4,265
Lee	345	45,310	21	2,433
District Totals	1,343	177,987	108	15,683
<u>District 12</u>				
Cumberland	136	51,186	188	11,135
Hoke	8	4,388	14	1,611
District Totals	144	55,574	202	12,746
<u>District 13</u>				
Bladen	357	66,555	14	2,100
Brunswick	310	74,776	18	1,905
Columbus	541	111,952	57	8,035
District Totals	1,208	253,283	89	12,040
<u>District 14</u>				
Durham	2,712	460,292	201	40,208
<u>District 15A</u>				
Alamance	795	200,558	40	6,307
<u>District 15B</u>				
Chatham	56	11,954	25	5,050
Orange	271	58,451	68	9,265
District Totals	327	70,405	93	14,315
<u>District 16</u>				
Robeson	1,134	208,963	180	8,981
Scotland	465	74,893	36	3,275
District Totals	1,599	283,855	216	12,256

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem Number of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
<u>District 17A</u>				
Caswell	84	\$ 19,353	9	\$ 1,670
Rockingham	784	124,935	14	1,450
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>144,288</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3,120</b>
<u>District 17B</u>				
Stokes	153	31,501	3	400
Surry	578	149,848	54	4,150
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>181,349</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4,550</b>
<u>District 18</u>				
<b>Guilford</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>166,438</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>37,509</b>
<u>District 19A</u>				
Cabarrus	705	151,855	62	8,619
Rowan	1,057	161,865	88	12,510
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>313,720</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>21,129</b>
<u>District 19B</u>				
Montgomery	209	59,981	14	2,485
Randolph	523	86,015	78	8,719
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>145,996</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>11,204</b>
<u>District 20</u>				
Anson	361	50,584	10	725
Moore	588	83,897	73	6,225
Richmond	713	106,562	57	4,980
Stanly	372	67,966	46	4,678
Union	541	90,778	175	17,384
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>399,787</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>33,992</b>
<u>District 21</u>				
<b>Forsyth</b>	<b>3,049</b>	<b>448,762</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>26,364</b>
<u>District 22</u>				
Alexander	174	29,497	21	2,823
Davidson	704	155,379	115	16,492
Davie	113	24,882	28	3,375
Iredell	650	30,540	63	8,915
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>340,297</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>31,605</b>
<u>District 23</u>				
Alleghany	48	4,925	3	450
Ashe	120	14,435	24	1,815
Wilkes	441	47,562	57	3,700
Yadkin	144	16,828	24	1,900
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>83,750</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>7,865</b>

# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

## Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem Number of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
<u>District 24</u>				
Avery	120	29,987	19	4,001
Madison	78	20,218	23	4,305
Mitchell	49	9,472	16	1,370
Watauga	190	54,011	9	2,600
Yancey	29	5,191	9	2,341
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>118,879</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>14,617</b>
<u>District 25</u>				
Burke	546	\$ 107,044	57	\$ 11,125
Caldwell	599	111,127	37	5,890
Catawba	817	178,577	65	9,535
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,962</b>	<b>396,749</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>26,550</b>
<u>District 26</u>				
<b>Mecklenburg</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>578,863</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>121,103</b>
<u>District 27A</u>				
<b>Gaston</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>26,528</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>9,810</b>
<u>District 27B</u>				
Cleveland	466	97,781	50	6,162
Lincoln	213	48,946	18	1,975
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>146,727</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>8,137</b>
<u>District 28</u>				
<b>Buncombe</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>56,446</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>12,349</b>
<u>District 29</u>				
Henderson	367	72,454	55	7,375
McDowell	247	42,915	29	9,022
Polk	82	13,931	2	300
Rutherford	292	77,342	39	4,150
Transylvania	91	16,248	22	3,857
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>222,889</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>24,704</b>
<u>District 30</u>				
Cherokee	107	25,791	24	3,294
Clay	17	4,899	4	999
Graham	30	9,104	6	532
Haywood	224	60,899	35	2,291
Jackson	81	12,856	42	2,342
Macon	338	33,249	12	2,537
Swain	68	10,035	25	2,740
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>156,832</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>14,735</b>
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	<b>40,851</b>	<b>\$8,301,678</b>	<b>4,977</b>	<b>\$704,603</b>

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**  
**(Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1984)**

Positions Authorized		Salary Ranges
<b>SUPREME COURT</b>		
7	Justices .....	\$59,868-67,008
23	Staff personnel (Clerk's and Reporter's offices, law clerks, library staff) .....	\$12,612-43,836
7	Secretarial personnel .....	\$17,136-\$17,928
<b>COURT OF APPEALS</b>		
12	Judges .....	\$56,676-\$57,948
29	Staff personnel (Clerk's office, prehearing staff, Judicial Standards Commission staff, law clerks) .....	\$12,612-\$36,744
18	Secretarial personnel .....	\$14,964-\$17,136
<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		
68	Judges .....	\$50,328-\$51,984
74	Staff personnel .....	\$15,660-\$31,380
44	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 9,732-\$17,928
<b>DISTRICT COURT</b>		
142	Judges .....	\$40,752-\$42,372
614	Magistrates .....	\$10,440-\$16,152
33	Staff personnel .....	\$11,052-\$16,392
7	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 9,732-\$16,392
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEYS</b>		
35	District Attorneys .....	\$46,812
264	Staff personnel .....	\$12,612-\$45,000
85	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 9,732-\$16,392
<b>CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT</b>		
100	Clerks of Superior Court .....	\$21,024-\$41,388
1,452	Staff personnel .....	\$ 8,916-\$27,216
7	Secretarial personnel .....	\$11,556-\$14,340
<b>INDIGENT REPRESENTATION</b>		
7	Public Defenders .....	\$46,812
60	Staff personnel .....	\$13,164-\$42,000
20	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 9,732-\$16,392
4	Special counsel at mental hospitals .....	\$18,900-\$23,616
4	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 9,732-\$14,340
<b>JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE</b>		
272	Court counselors .....	\$13,164-\$29,928
52	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 9,732-\$14,340
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS</b>		
1	Administrative Officer of the Courts .....	\$53,496
1	Assistant Director .....	\$44,820
117	Staff personnel .....	\$10,824-\$48,180



**PART IV**

**TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA**

- **Superior Court Division**
- **District Court Division**



## TRIAL COURTS CASE DATA

This part of the *Annual Report* presents pertinent data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. For ease of reference, this part is divided into a superior court division section and a district court division section.

The data within the two sections generally parallel each other in terms of organization, with each section subdivided into civil and criminal case categories. With some exceptions, there are three basic data tables for each case category: a caseload inventory (filings, dispositions and pending) table; a table on the manner of dispositions; and a table on ages of cases disposed of during the year and ages of cases pending at the end of the year. Pending and age data are not provided for district court motor vehicle criminal cases, for civil cases (small claims) referred to magistrates, and for juvenile cases, inasmuch as these categories of cases are not reported by case file number.

The caseload inventory tables provide a statistical picture of caseflow during the 1983-84 year. Items recorded in this table include the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number of new cases filed, the number of cases disposed of during the year, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the year. The caseload inventory also shows the total caseload (the number pending at the beginning of the year plus the number filed during the year) and the percentage of the caseload which was disposed of during the year.

The aging tables show the ages of the cases pending on June 30, 1984 as well as the ages of the cases disposed of during 1983-84. These tables also show both mean (average) and median ages for each set of cases—those pending at the end of the year and those that were disposed of during the year. The median age of a group of cases is, by definition, the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of the total set of cases and younger than the other 50%.

Unlike the median, the mean age can be substantially raised (or lowered) if even a small number of very old (or very young) cases are included. For example, if only a single two-year old case was included among ten cases aged three months, the median age would be 90 days and the mean (average) age would be 148.2 days. A substantial difference between the median and average ages, therefore, indicates the presence of a number of rather long-pending, or short-pending, cases.

Separate summary tables at the end of Part IV show the comparative rankings, for the 1983-84 year, in terms of percentage of disposition of caseloads for the 34 judicial districts and the 100 counties.

The case statistics in Part IV have been calculated from filing and disposition case data submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the 100 clerks of superior court across the State. The present case reporting system is primarily a manual one: weekly reports from each clerk's office are mailed to Raleigh, where they are computer-coded, entered and processed. Pending case information is computer-calculated from the filing and disposition data. The accuracy of the pending case figures is, of course, dependent upon timely and accurate filing and disposition data.

Periodic comparisons by clerk personnel of their actual pending case files against AOC's computer-produced pending case lists, followed by indicated corrections, is necessary to maintain completely accurate data in the AOC computer file. Yet, staff resource in the clerks' offices is not sufficient to make such physical inventory checks as frequently and as completely as would be necessary to maintain full accuracy in AOC's computer files. Thus, it is recognized that some of the figures published in the following tables have errors of some degree.

Another accuracy-related problem inherent in a manual reporting system is the lack of absolute consistency in the published year-end and year-beginning pending figures. The number of cases pending at the end of a reporting year should ideally be identical with the number of published pending cases at the *beginning* of the next reporting year. In reality, this is rarely the case. Experience has shown that inevitably some filings and dispositions which occurred in the preceding year do not get reported until the subsequent year. The later-reported data is regarded as being more complete reporting and is used, thereby producing some differences between the prior year's end-pending figures and the current year's beginning-pending figures.

Notwithstanding the indicated limitations in the data reporting and data-processing system, it is believed that the published figures are sufficiently adequate to fully justify their use. In any event, the published figures are the best and most accurate data currently available.



# **PART IV, Section 1**

## **Superior Court Division**

### **Caseflow Data**



## The Superior Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseload during the 1983-84 year of cases pending, filed, and disposed of in the State's superior courts; that is, cases before superior court judges. Data is also presented on cases pending, filed and disposed of before the 100 clerks of superior court, who have original jurisdiction over estate cases and special proceedings.

There are, for statistical reporting purposes, three categories of cases filed in the superior courts: civil cases, felony cases which are within the original jurisdiction of the superior courts, and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts to superior courts, for trial *de novo*.

During 1983-84, as the bar graph on the following page illustrates, felony cases contributed the greatest proportion of all case filings (52.3%), misdemeanor appeals the second greatest proportion of all case filings (32.2%), with civil cases amounting to 15.5% of total case filings in the superior courts. There were decreases in case filings during 1983-84 in all three case categories, compared with filings during the previous year. While such across-the-board decreases in superior court case filings have not occurred in several years, it seems unlikely that this is indicative of any future trend over a period of years. The long-range future trend seems likely to reflect an increase in case filings generally notwithstanding an occasional year-to-year decrease in case filings.

As in previous years, a typical superior court civil case takes considerably longer to dispose of than the typical criminal case. Data presented in the following bar graphs, as well as in the following tables covering the ages of superior court cases, clearly supports the longer disposition period conclusion regarding civil cases. The median age of superior court civil cases pending on July 30, 1984 was 271 days. Similar data, covering pending cases in the felony and misdemeanor case categories, shows median ages of 80 and 78 days, respectively.

For superior court civil case dispositions in 1983-84, the median case age at disposition was 313 days, compared to 80 days for felony cases at disposition and 65 days for misdemeanor cases at disposition.

Comparing this median-age data with the same information for 1982-83, it is seen that the median age of pending civil cases increased from 164 days as of June 30,

1983 to 271 days as of June 30, 1984; and the median age for civil cases at disposition increased from 302 days in 1982-83 to 313 days in 1983-84.

The 1983-84 aging data for pending cases in the two criminal case categories show increases from the median ages reported for 1982-83. The median age of pending felony cases increased from 80 days as of June 30, 1983 to 89 days as of June 30, 1984, and an increase was recorded in the median age of pending misdemeanor cases, from 66 days as of June 30, 1983 to 78 days as of June 30, 1984. The median age of felony cases at disposition dropped during the past fiscal year from 81 days in 1982-83 to 80 days in 1983-84. The median age of misdemeanor cases at disposition also dropped, from 66 days in 1982-83 to 65 days in 1983-84.

These differences in the median ages of cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts can be attributed in part to the priority given criminal cases. The right of a criminal case defendant to a "speedy trial" is guaranteed in both the United States and North Carolina Constitutions; and current North Carolina statutes (G.S. 15A-701 *et seq.*) prescribe that cases must be tried within 120 days of filing unless there has been justifiable delay for one or more of the reasons set out in the statutes. No comparable *statutory* standard for the speedy disposition of civil cases has been adopted in North Carolina, although the North Carolina Constitution does provide that "right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or delay" in the section declaring every person's right to legal remedy for "injury in his lands, goods, person or reputation." (Article 1, Section 18, N.C. Constitution)

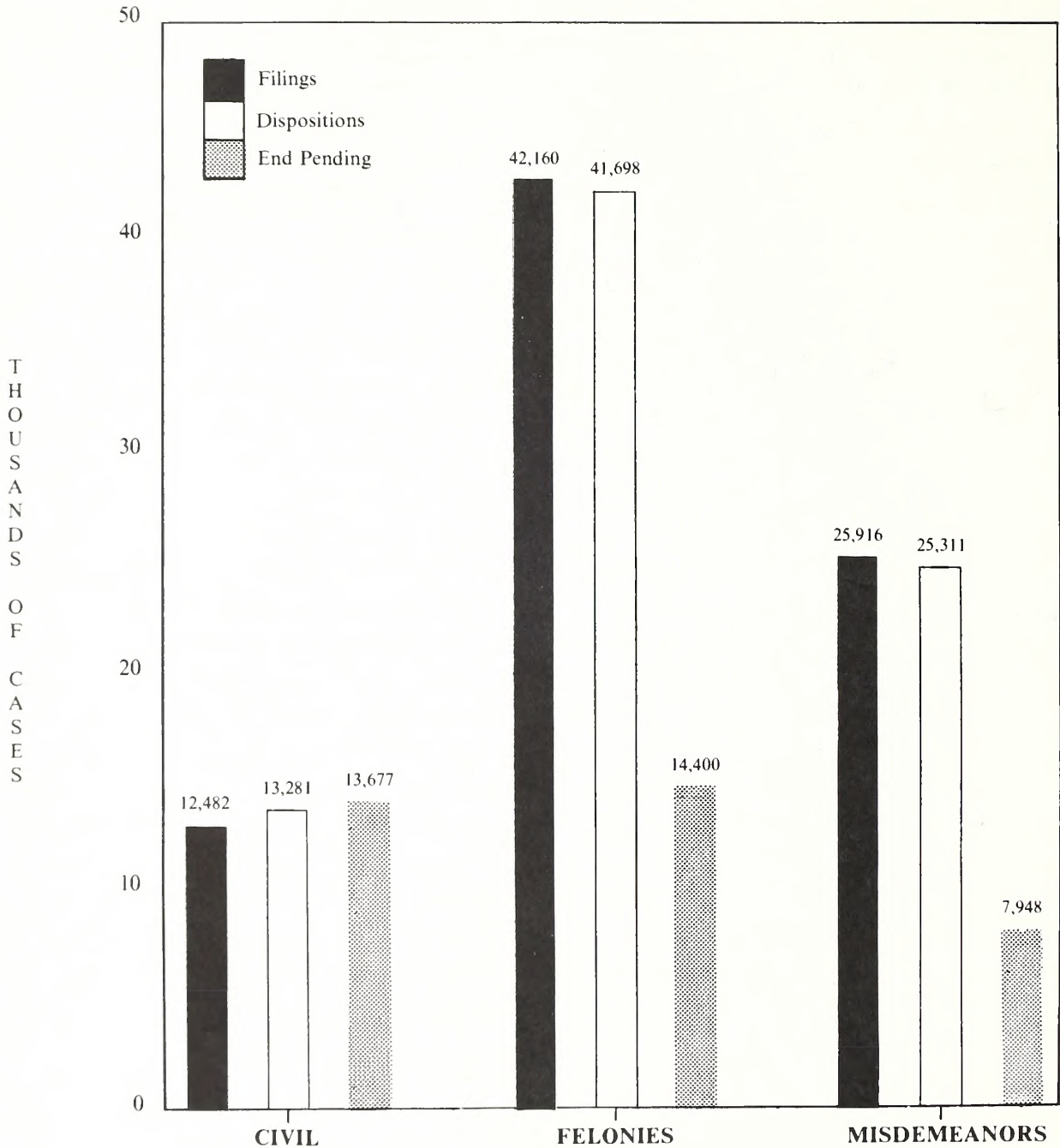
During 1983-84, a Statewide total of 80,558 cases of all types were filed in the superior courts. This was a decrease of 4,930 (5.8%) from 1982-83 case filings of 85,488.

As for the manner of dispositions, it is noteworthy that jury trials in superior court continue to be responsible for a low percentage of case dispositions: 910 civil cases (6.9% out of a total of 13,281; 1,126 felony cases (5.7%) out of a total of 41,698; and 1,126 misdemeanor cases (4.4%) out of a total of 25,311 misdemeanor dispositions.

The data tables also show that pleas of guilty were entered in a majority (55.5%) of criminal case dispositions in the superior courts during 1983-84.

## SUPERIOR COURT CASELOAD

1983-84

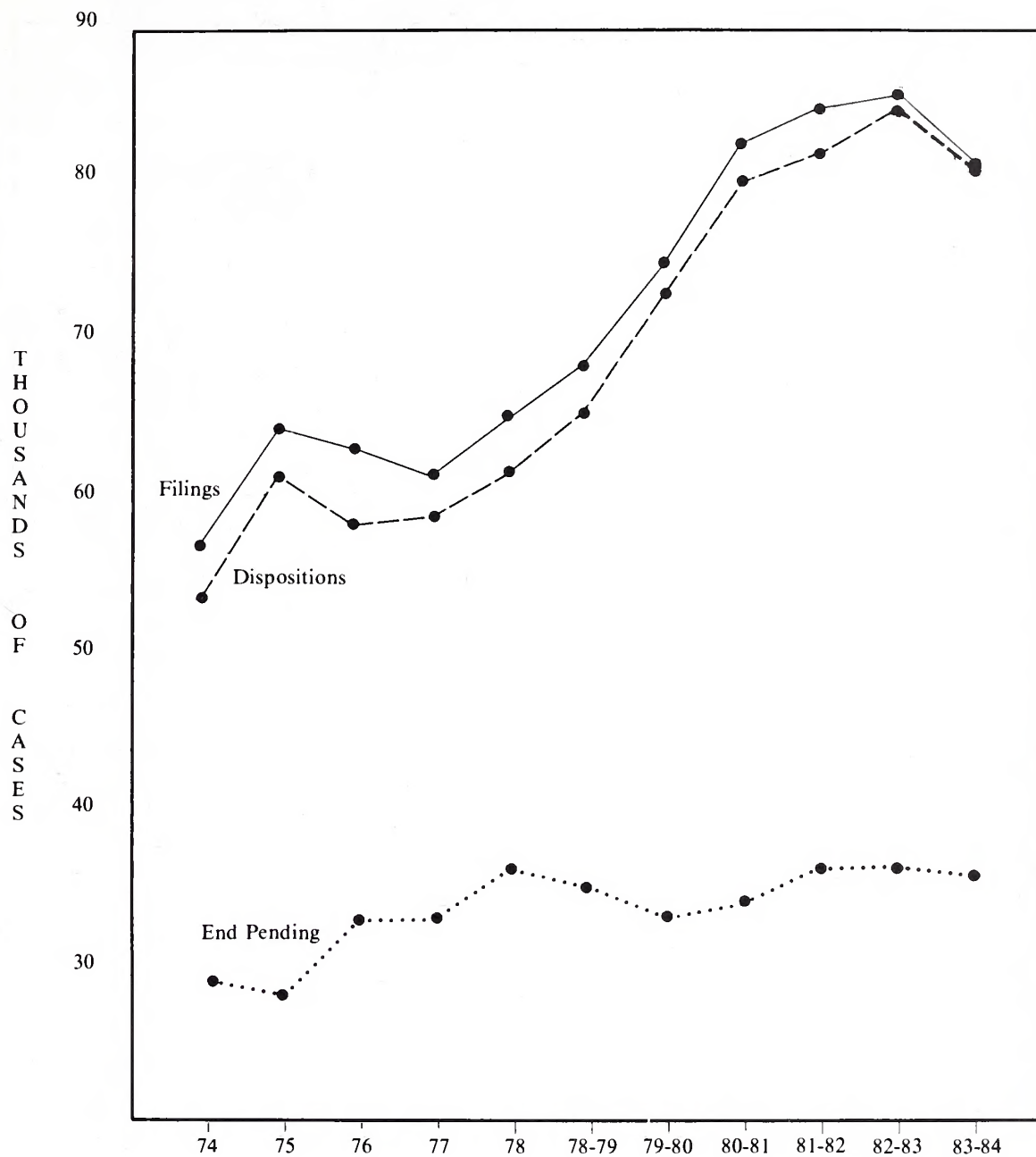


For the third straight year, civil case dispositions outnumbered filings in superior court; dispositions exceeded filings by 6.4% during 1983-84. Felony case filings in 1983-84 decreased by 3.5% from the 1982-83 filings while felony

dispositions in 1983-84 decreased 3.0% from the 1982-83 period. Filings of misdemeanor appeals in 1983-84 declined by 7.1% and dispositions of misdemeanor appeals decreased by 6.8%.

## CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

1974 Through 1983-84

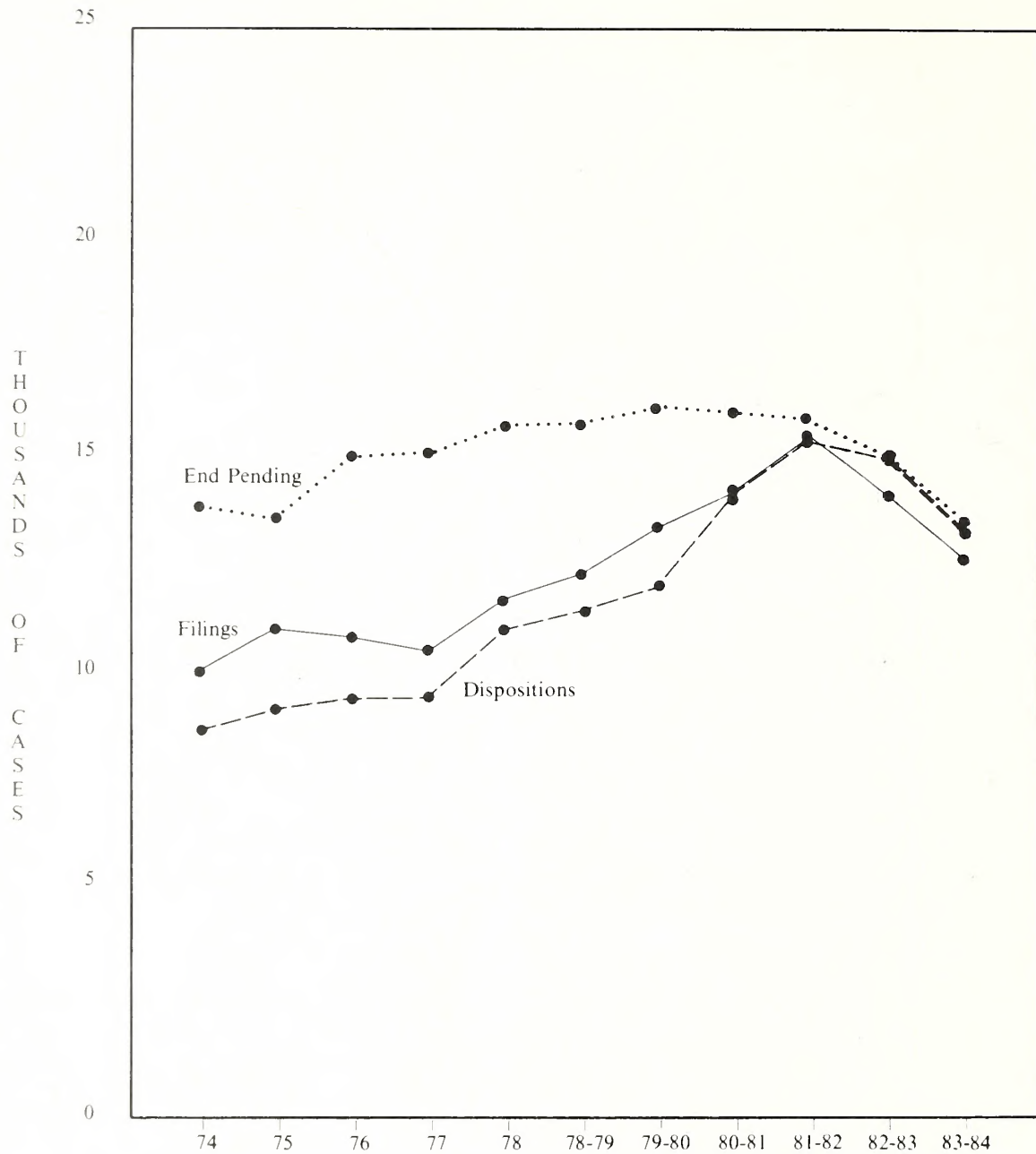


Filings and dispositions decreased in all areas of the superior court case load during the 1983-84 fiscal year. Civil dispositions fell by 9.5%, felony dispositions decreased by 3.0%, and misdemeanor appeals declined by

6.8%. This decrease, the first since 1977, is attributable to a 10.2% decrease in civil filings, 3.6% decrease in felony filings and 7.1% decrease in misdemeanor appeals.

## CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

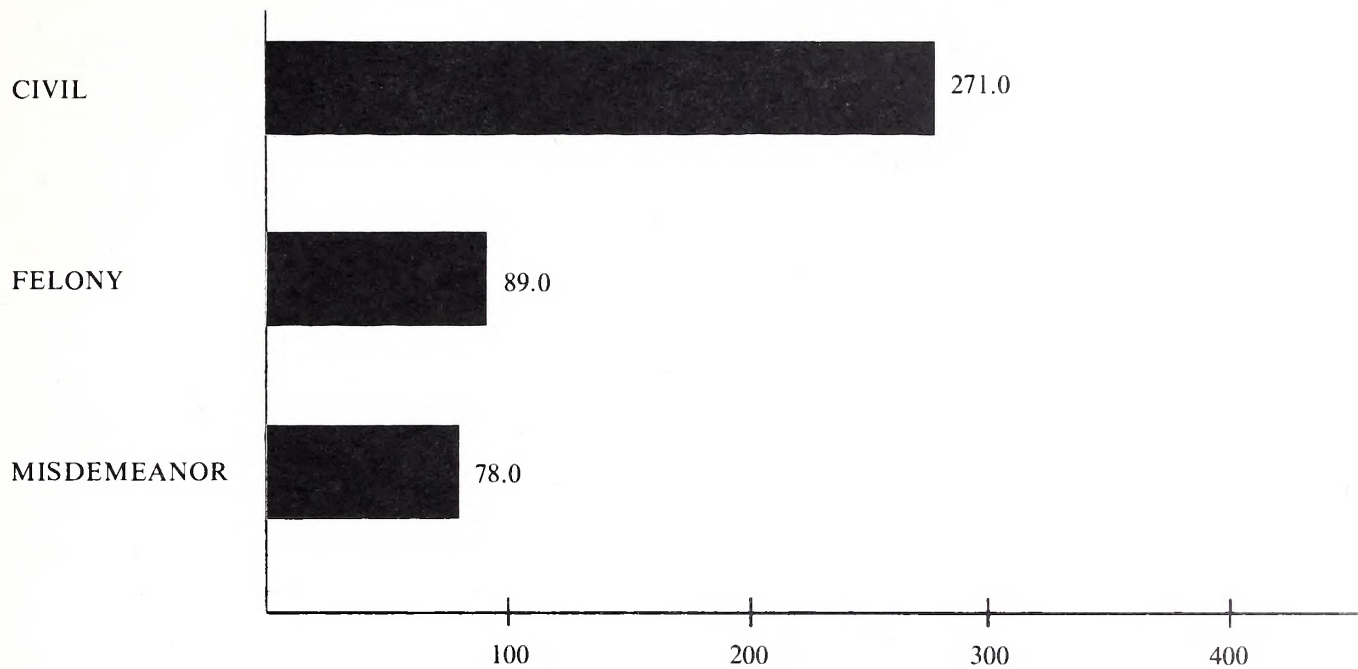
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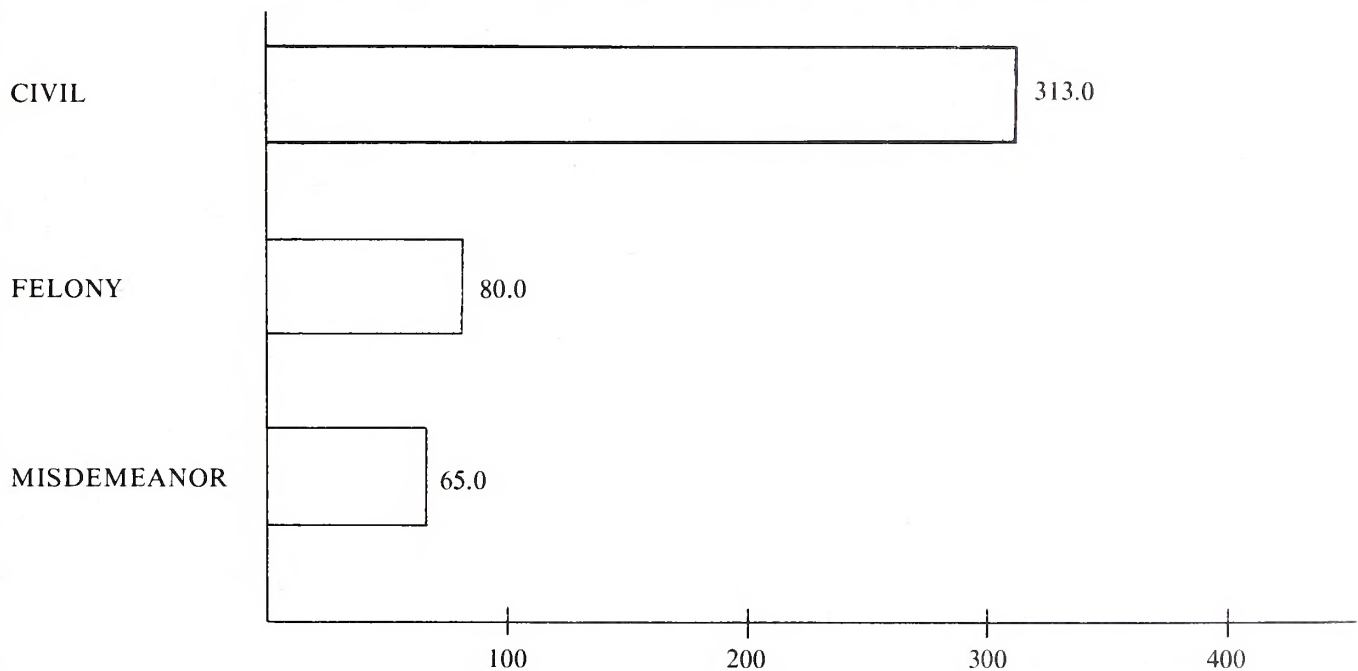
Dispositions of civil cases exceeded filings for the third year; this resulted in a drop in the volume of pending cases as of the end of the year.

## LIFETIMES OF SUPERIOR COURT CASES

### Median Ages (in days) of Cases Pending 6/30/84



### Median Ages (in days) of Cases Disposed of During 1983-84



The median age of a case category is the age with respect to which 50% of all cases in the category are younger and 50% of all cases are older than the median age; it is the 50th percentile of ages of all cases in the category. As shown in the above graphs, the median ages of all civil

superior court cases pending and disposed during fiscal year 1983-84 are greater than the median ages of criminal superior court cases pending and disposed. This is due to civil cases taking longer than criminal cases to process.

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 1</u>						
Camden	11	6	17	5	29.4	12
Chowan	26	23	49	17	34.6	32
Currituck	27	27	54	31	57.4	23
Dare	92	66	158	58	36.7	100
Gates	10	15	25	13	52.0	12
Pasquotank	60	62	122	70	57.3	52
Perquimans	33	29	62	36	58.0	26
District Totals	259	228	487	230	47.2	257
<u>District 2</u>						
Beaufort	85	79	164	82	50.0	82
Hyde	18	10	28	15	53.5	13
Martin	33	39	72	39	54.1	33
Tyrrell	7	6	13	6	46.1	7
Washington	27	30	57	28	49.1	29
District Totals	170	164	334	170	50.8	164
<u>District 3</u>						
Carteret	137	121	258	121	46.8	137
Craven	185	184	369	177	47.9	192
Pamlico	18	9	27	11	40.7	16
Pitt	200	238	438	222	50.6	216
District Totals	540	552	1,092	531	48.6	561
<u>District 4</u>						
Duplin	108	73	181	94	51.9	87
Jones	19	13	32	13	40.6	19
Onslow	194	160	354	155	43.7	199
Sampson	70	86	156	84	53.8	72
District Totals	391	332	723	346	47.8	377
<u>District 5</u>						
New Hanover	206	208	414	202	48.7	212
Pender	37	17	54	21	38.8	33
District Totals	243	225	468	223	47.6	245
<u>District 6</u>						
Bertie	27	19	46	31	67.3	15
Halifax	68	59	127	67	52.7	60
Hertford	68	50	118	72	61.0	46
Northampton	44	21	65	37	56.9	28
District Totals	207	149	356	207	58.1	149
<u>District 7</u>						
Edgecombe	88	82	170	105	61.7	65
Nash	116	117	233	121	51.9	112
Wilson	100	74	174	93	53.4	81
District Totals	304	273	577	319	55.2	258
<u>District 8</u>						
Greene	16	22	38	22	57.8	16
Lenoir	141	159	300	148	49.3	152
Wayne	178	175	353	156	44.1	197
District Totals	335	356	691	326	47.1	365

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 9</u>						
Franklin	58	42	100	53	53.0	47
Granville	47	38	85	47	55.2	38
Person	27	35	62	30	48.3	32
Vance	74	33	107	55	51.4	52
Warren	24	18	42	16	38.0	26
District Totals	230	166	396	201	50.7	195
<u>District 10</u>						
Wake	1,183	1,035	2,218	1,160	52.2	1,058
<u>District 11</u>						
Harnett	111	125	236	143	60.5	93
Johnston	132	219	351	225	64.1	126
Lee	52	75	127	76	59.8	51
District Totals	295	419	714	444	62.1	270
<u>District 12</u>						
Cumberland	476	368	844	380	45.0	464
Hoke	11	18	29	15	51.7	14
District Totals	487	386	873	395	45.2	478
<u>District 13</u>						
Bladen	41	41	82	42	51.2	40
Brunswick	60	49	109	51	46.7	58
Columbus	138	100	238	101	42.4	137
District Totals	239	190	429	194	45.2	235
<u>District 14</u>						
Durham	429	399	828	443	53.5	385
<u>District 15A</u>						
Alamance	179	132	311	124	39.8	187
<u>District 15B</u>						
Chatham	41	58	99	54	54.5	45
Orange	162	141	303	176	58.0	127
District Totals	203	199	402	230	57.2	172
<u>District 16</u>						
Robeson	135	126	261	119	45.5	142
Scotland	16	36	52	26	50.0	26
District Totals	151	162	313	145	46.3	168
<u>District 17A</u>						
Caswell	8	10	18	13	72.2	5
Rockingham	93	105	198	118	59.5	80
District Totals	101	115	216	131	60.6	85
<u>District 17B</u>						
Stokes	16	38	54	23	42.5	31
Surry	111	121	232	132	56.8	100
District Totals	127	159	286	155	54.1	131

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 18</u> <u>Guilford</u>						
Greensboro	1,242	727	1,969	715	36.3	1,254
High Point	262	149	411	168	40.8	243
District Totals	1,504	876	2,380	883	37.1	1,497
<u>District 19A</u>						
Cabarrus	128	129	257	124	48.2	133
Rowan	127	119	246	139	56.5	107
District Totals	255	248	503	263	52.2	240
<u>District 19B</u>						
Montgomery	20	21	41	8	19.5	33
Randolph	156	114	270	123	45.5	147
District Totals	176	135	311	131	42.1	180
<u>District 20</u>						
Anson	69	43	112	57	50.8	55
Moore	127	80	207	114	55.0	93
Richmond	96	68	164	61	37.1	103
Stanly	87	46	133	55	41.3	78
Union	146	112	258	118	45.7	140
District Totals	525	349	874	405	46.3	469
<u>District 21</u>						
Forsyth	580	633	1,213	648	53.4	565
<u>District 22</u>						
Alexander	31	33	64	37	57.8	27
Davidson	146	142	288	172	59.7	116
Davie	46	37	83	46	55.4	37
Iredell	135	160	295	163	55.2	132
District Totals	358	372	730	418	57.2	312
<u>District 23</u>						
Alleghany	13	20	33	23	69.6	10
Ashe	20	19	39	20	51.2	19
Wilkes	115	106	221	98	44.3	123
Yadkin	32	32	64	30	46.8	34
District Totals	180	177	357	171	47.8	186
<u>District 24</u>						
Avery	43	46	89	51	57.3	38
Madison	37	50	87	33	37.9	54
Mitchell	26	36	62	29	46.7	33
Watauga	62	67	129	56	43.4	73
Yancey	16	19	35	24	68.5	11
District Totals	184	218	402	193	48.0	209
<u>District 25</u>						
Burke	193	107	300	138	46.0	162
Caldwell	134	122	256	146	57.0	110
Catawba	265	206	471	267	56.6	204
District Totals	592	435	1,027	551	53.6	476
<u>District 26</u>						
Mecklenburg	2,313	1,753	4,066	1,857	45.6	2,209

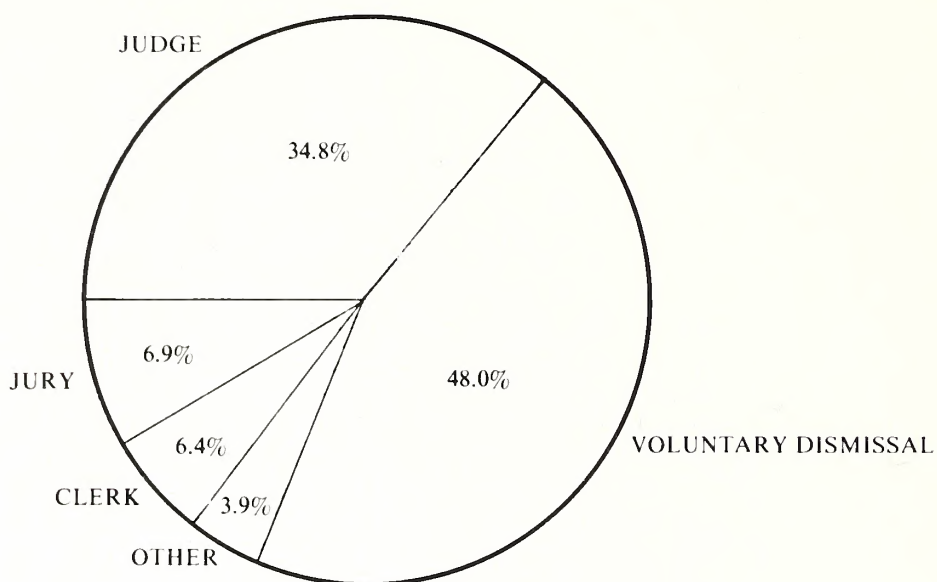
# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 27A</u>						
Gaston	374	403	777	485	62.4	292
<u>District 27B</u>						
Cleveland	125	118	243	122	50.2	121
Lincoln	46	61	107	48	44.8	59
District Totals	171	179	350	170	48.5	180
<u>District 28</u>						
Buncombe	462	490	952	564	59.2	388
<u>District 29</u>						
Henderson	176	102	278	129	46.4	149
McDowell	46	54	100	43	43.0	57
Polk	24	13	37	21	56.7	16
Rutherford	107	64	171	83	48.5	88
Transylvania	44	55	99	46	46.4	53
District Totals	397	288	685	322	47.0	363
<u>District 30</u>						
Cherokee	32	36	68	28	41.1	40
Clay	7	8	15	6	40.0	9
Graham	8	18	26	12	46.1	14
Haywood	91	92	183	68	37.1	115
Jackson	102	43	145	61	42.0	84
Macon	63	70	133	56	42.1	77
Swain	29	18	47	15	31.9	32
District Totals	332	285	617	246	39.8	371
State Totals	14,476	12,482	26,958	13,281	49.2	13,677

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES

1983-1984



The above graph of disposition methods for civil superior cases during 1983-84 shows that, as in previous years, voluntary dismissals represent the largest number of dispositions. When compared to the 1982-83 data, these

percentages show increased dispositions within the voluntary dismissal and jury categories, and declines in the clerk, judge and other categories.

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 1</u>						
Camden	5	0	0	2	3	0
Chowan	17	8	1	3	3	2
Currituck	31	16	1	1	10	3
Dare	58	16	2	5	27	8
Gates	13	7	1	0	3	2
Pasquotank	70	25	1	9	35	0
Perquimans	36	16	3	7	9	1
District Totals	230	88	9	27	90	16
<u>District 2</u>						
Beaufort	82	32	9	5	22	14
Hyde	15	6	0	0	7	2
Martin	39	16	2	2	6	13
Tyrrell	6	1	0	3	2	0
Washington	28	12	0	2	13	1
District Totals	170	67	11	12	50	30
<u>District 3</u>						
Carteret	121	31	6	11	64	9
Craven	177	50	9	19	93	6
Pamlico	11	2	0	0	5	4
Pitt	222	71	17	21	112	1
District Totals	531	154	32	51	274	20
<u>District 4</u>						
Duplin	94	41	7	6	38	2
Jones	13	3	0	2	8	0
Onslow	155	50	6	11	83	5
Sampson	84	28	8	12	36	0
District Totals	346	122	21	31	165	7
<u>District 5</u>						
New Hanover	202	71	16	4	109	2
Pender	21	5	3	2	9	2
District Totals	223	76	19	6	118	4
<u>District 6</u>						
Bertie	31	14	0	5	4	8
Halifax	67	23	3	10	28	3
Hertford	72	33	7	8	24	0
Northampton	37	22	0	0	13	2
District Totals	207	92	10	23	69	13
<u>District 7</u>						
Edgecombe	105	47	2	9	45	2
Nash	121	37	12	6	61	5
Wilson	93	35	10	9	36	3
District Totals	319	119	24	24	142	10
<u>District 8</u>						
Greene	22	10	0	2	0	10
Lenoir	148	55	11	7	74	1
Wayne	156	45	6	20	83	2
District Totals	326	110	17	29	157	13

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 9</u>						
Franklin	53	12	2	2	34	3
Granville	47	19	5	1	21	1
Person	30	11	1	0	17	1
Vance	55	16	3	3	28	5
Warren	16	6	3	1	5	1
District Totals	201	64	14	7	105	11
<u>District 10</u>						
Wake	1,160	513	71	37	493	46
<u>District 11</u>						
Harnett	143	57	14	4	66	2
Johnston	225	83	11	50	77	4
Lee	76	16	6	8	46	0
District Totals	444	156	31	62	189	6
<u>District 12</u>						
Cumberland	380	136	23	11	206	4
Hoke	15	5	0	1	9	0
District Totals	395	141	23	12	215	4
<u>District 13</u>						
Bladen	42	13	3	4	22	0
Brunswick	51	22	6	1	22	0
Columbus	101	34	7	1	57	2
District Totals	194	69	16	6	101	2
<u>District 14</u>						
Durham	443	152	52	32	185	22
<u>District 15A</u>						
Alamance	124	44	2	12	62	4
<u>District 15B</u>						
Chatham	54	19	5	5	14	11
Orange	176	76	16	8	76	0
District Totals	230	95	21	13	90	11
<u>District 16</u>						
Robeson	119	47	12	10	47	3
Scotland	26	10	1	4	10	1
District Totals	145	57	13	14	57	4
<u>District 17A</u>						
Caswell	13	5	0	0	7	1
Rockingham	118	36	21	5	55	1
District Totals	131	41	21	5	62	2
<u>District 17B</u>						
Stokes	23	9	1	0	12	1
Surry	132	54	4	8	66	0
District Totals	155	63	5	8	78	1

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 18</u> <u>Guilford</u>						
Greensboro	715	232	31	46	384	22
High Point	168	62	7	6	92	1
District Totals	883	294	38	52	476	23
<u>District 19A</u>						
Cabarrus	124	40	6	6	70	2
Rowan	139	33	18	6	80	2
District Totals	263	73	24	12	150	4
<u>District 19B</u>						
Montgomery	8	1	2	0	5	0
Randolph	123	44	8	7	61	3
District Totals	131	45	10	7	66	3
<u>District 20</u>						
Anson	57	29	1	3	24	0
Moore	114	46	10	4	52	2
Richmond	61	21	3	8	26	3
Stanly	55	20	0	1	31	3
Union	118	38	0	4	71	5
District Totals	405	154	14	20	204	13
<u>District 21</u>						
Forsyth	648	218	52	38	321	19
<u>District 22</u>						
Alexander	37	10	3	1	22	1
Davidson	172	60	8	8	86	10
Davie	46	17	0	1	24	4
Iredell	163	65	3	21	73	1
District Totals	418	152	14	31	205	16
<u>District 23</u>						
Alleghany	23	15	1	1	2	4
Ashe	20	8	0	0	10	2
Wilkes	98	41	5	1	49	2
Yadkin	30	8	5	1	15	1
District Totals	171	72	11	3	76	9
<u>District 24</u>						
Avery	51	16	0	1	11	23
Madison	33	22	2	1	8	0
Mitchell	29	11	1	3	8	6
Watauga	56	21	2	2	30	1
Yancey	24	7	2	0	8	7
District Totals	193	77	7	7	65	37
<u>District 25</u>						
Burke	138	41	15	9	71	2
Caldwell	146	68	7	3	36	32
Catawba	267	84	15	24	58	86
District Totals	551	193	37	36	165	120
<u>District 26</u>						
Mecklenburg	1,857	460	130	133	1,127	7

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 27A</u>						
Gaston	485	154	56	16	248	11
<u>District 27B</u>						
Cleveland	122	29	14	7	69	3
Lincoln	48	9	5	5	28	1
District Totals	170	38	19	12	97	4
<u>District 28</u>						
Buncombe	564	204	56	36	258	10
<u>District 29</u>						
Henderson	129	63	8	2	56	0
McDowell	43	21	0	2	19	1
Polk	21	11	0	1	9	0
Rutherford	83	34	12	3	32	2
Transylvania	46	24	2	5	14	1
District Totals	322	153	22	13	130	4
<u>District 30</u>						
Cherokee	28	13	1	4	5	5
Clay	6	3	0	2	1	0
Graham	12	7	0	0	4	1
Haywood	68	32	2	7	27	0
Jackson	61	32	3	2	20	4
Macon	56	24	0	8	21	3
Swain	15	4	2	2	5	2
District Totals	246	115	8	25	83	15
State Totals	13,281	4,625	910	852	6,373	521

# AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

## Agges of Cases Pending 6/30/84 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)										
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 1																
Camden	12	453.8	319.0	3	2	1	3	3	5	714.4	579.0	0	0	0	3	2
Chowan	32	705.1	307.0	2	6	10	7	7	17	459.9	402.0	3	1	4	6	3
Currituck	23	287.6	127.0	11	4	1	5	2	31	390.6	263.0	6	5	8	7	5
Dare	100	524.9	383.0	14	13	20	31	22	58	379.2	252.5	11	10	14	14	9
Gates	12	253.7	213.0	4	1	4	3	0	13	470.1	333.0	0	0	7	4	2
Pasquotank	52	307.8	295.0	9	10	15	15	3	70	289.8	267.0	13	12	26	15	4
Perquimans	26	439.7	382.5	5	1	7	9	4	36	316.4	223.5	8	8	10	6	4
District Totals	257	457.6	316.0	48	37	58	73	41	230	362.1	267.0	41	36	69	55	29
District 2																
Beaufort	82	308.7	233.0	23	12	20	19	8	82	349.9	319.0	14	12	19	31	6
Hyde	13	426.2	436.0	1	1	3	7	1	15	434.9	245.0	2	2	6	3	2
Martin	33	285.9	206.0	6	9	10	6	2	39	430.3	363.0	6	6	8	9	10
Tyrrell	7	568.9	215.0	0	3	1	1	2	6	261.7	219.0	1	2	1	2	0
Washington	29	292.5	208.0	7	5	8	7	2	28	387.9	271.5	3	5	7	9	4
District Totals	164	321.7	242.0	37	30	42	40	15	170	379.0	310.0	26	27	41	54	22
District 3																
Carteret	137	362.6	269.0	25	26	34	32	20	121	360.0	349.0	29	10	22	47	13
Craven	192	364.2	261.0	34	36	53	50	19	177	317.4	268.0	44	22	43	55	13
Pamlico	16	423.9	402.0	1	3	3	7	2	11	582.8	323.0	2	0	5	3	1
Pitt	216	299.4	237.5	49	36	63	49	19	222	289.5	203.0	66	36	52	54	14
District Totals	561	340.6	246.0	109	101	153	138	60	531	320.9	254.0	141	68	122	159	41
District 4																
Duplin	87	422.4	290.0	19	10	21	22	15	94	441.4	342.0	15	6	29	27	17
Jones	19	565.8	359.0	3	3	4	5	4	13	308.7	258.0	1	3	6	2	1
Onslow	199	430.2	353.0	36	31	33	69	30	155	374.4	259.0	34	26	35	40	20
Sampson	72	311.3	200.0	13	20	13	21	5	84	307.2	205.0	24	15	19	19	7
District Totals	377	412.5	302.0	71	64	71	117	54	346	373.8	267.0	74	50	89	88	45
District 5																
New Hanover	212	354.8	241.5	49	30	57	49	27	202	354.3	260.0	48	25	46	57	26
Pender	33	690.8	702.0	4	4	4	5	16	21	650.8	581.0	4	1	4	4	8
District Totals	245	400.1	276.0	53	34	61	54	43	223	382.2	289.0	52	26	50	61	34
District 6																
Bertie	15	449.3	276.0	1	2	7	2	3	31	378.4	354.0	9	1	6	12	3
Halifax	60	538.3	323.5	7	12	15	13	13	67	354.2	308.0	16	9	13	23	6
Hertford	46	314.3	138.0	19	8	6	7	6	72	419.7	283.5	14	10	20	18	10
Northampton	28	374.5	358.0	5	5	4	11	3	37	538.9	405.0	5	4	7	13	8
District Totals	149	429.4	276.0	32	27	32	33	25	207	413.6	317.0	44	24	46	66	27

# **AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS** **Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/84 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1983-84**

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)				Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)								
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180		181-365	366-730	>730	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730
District 7															
Edgecombe	65	261.1	173.0	18	15	18	7	7	285.5	223.0	19	26	27	27	6
Nash	112	340.3	262.0	26	20	35	20	11	368.9	251.0	24	16	35	33	13
Wilson	81	376.2	331.0	14	6	23	29	9	376.8	249.0	23	10	21	28	11
District Totals	258	331.6	265.0	58	41	76	56	27	343.8	247.0	66	52	83	88	30
District 8															
Greene	16	187.2	115.0	7	3	4	2	0	246.8	152.5	7	5	6	3	1
Lenoir	152	264.2	212.0	42	25	40	38	7	332.1	276.0	34	15	46	41	12
Wayne	197	372.1	285.0	31	30	64	48	24	344.2	272.0	39	18	41	41	17
District Totals	365	319.1	255.0	80	58	108	88	31	332.1	268.5	80	38	93	85	30
District 9															
Franklin	47	362.2	309.0	9	7	13	12	6	493.7	405.0	8	6	11	17	11
Granville	38	323.1	268.5	6	8	11	10	3	413.1	333.0	6	6	13	16	6
Person	32	195.1	123.5	8	11	8	5	0	482.6	427.0	5	5	4	10	6
Vance	52	389.5	368.5	5	9	11	22	5	436.1	387.0	7	2	13	28	5
Warren	26	366.4	285.0	6	2	7	7	4	528.9	295.0	1	2	7	2	4
District Totals	195	335.0	275.0	34	37	50	56	18	460.2	387.0	27	21	48	73	32
District 10															
Wake	1,058	313.7	249.0	239	178	296	262	83	355.4	292.5	211	172	308	349	120
District 11															
Harnett	93	227.1	192.0	23	20	34	12	4	310.5	279.0	16	33	40	49	5
Johnston	126	209.1	142.0	40	33	35	12	6	211.4	133.0	88	41	49	41	6
Lee	51	219.6	193.0	12	13	17	8	1	252.3	207.0	19	13	26	17	1
District Totals	270	217.3	170.5	75	66	86	32	11	250.3	199.5	123	87	115	107	12
District 12															
Cumberland	464	391.0	339.5	73	75	102	153	61	395.9	325.5	58	50	97	132	43
Hoke	14	206.1	162.0	4	3	5	2	0	235.7	158.0	6	3	2	2	2
District Totals	478	385.6	332.0	77	78	107	155	61	389.8	322.0	64	53	99	134	45
District 13															
Bladen	40	312.5	300.0	6	6	12	14	2	288.9	237.0	12	5	10	14	1
Brunswick	58	344.5	268.0	11	16	9	15	7	446.4	434.0	6	6	10	19	10
Columbus	137	397.1	331.0	34	20	19	41	23	494.2	418.0	15	10	22	29	25
District Totals	235	369.7	295.0	51	42	40	70	32	437.2	377.0	33	21	42	62	36
District 14															
Durham	385	290.2	215.0	94	81	89	101	20	375.2	317.0	76	52	123	139	53

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		0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730				>730	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730		
District 15A																
Alamance	187	488.4	388.0	25	22	43	51	46	450.5	333.5	28	11	25	38	22	
District 15B																
Chatham	45	222.4	170.0	13	10	13	7	2	294.3	250.0	12	5	19	16	2	
Orange	127	254.3	212.0	41	20	29	31	6	368.5	309.5	29	16	52	67	12	
District Totals	172	246.0	192.0	54	30	42	38	8	351.1	299.5	41	21	71	83	14	
District 16																
Robeson	142	372.5	291.5	30	20	32	40	20	354.2	312.0	34	11	22	39	13	
Scotland	26	199.8	128.5	11	4	8	1	2	274.7	191.5	5	6	10	3	2	
District Totals	168	345.8	258.5	41	24	40	41	22	339.9	283.0	39	17	32	42	15	
District 17A																
Caswell	5	83.6	44.0	4	0	1	0	0	274.5	174.0	4	2	1	6	0	
Rockingham	80	203.8	166.5	23	19	29	7	2	310.0	313.0	16	21	38	42	1	
District Totals	85	196.7	159.0	27	19	30	7	2	306.5	311.0	20	23	39	48	1	
District 17B																
Stokes	31	148.6	130.0	11	11	7	2	0	234.0	247.0	5	4	9	5	0	
Surry	100	229.3	256.0	23	15	44	17	1	281.1	295.0	20	27	40	43	2	
District Totals	131	210.2	212.0	34	26	51	19	1	274.1	287.0	25	31	49	48	2	
District 18																
Guilford																
Greensboro	1,254	536.7	445.0	151	118	251	379	355	559.9	407.0	145	97	98	144	231	
High Point	243	454.0	431.0	35	23	46	84	55	489.9	401.5	18	24	40	38	48	
District Totals	1,497	523.3	443.0	186	141	297	463	410	546.6	406.0	163	121	138	182	279	
District 19A																
Cabarrus	133	270.6	185.0	34	31	33	28	7	425.4	389.0	21	11	24	48	20	
Rowan	107	254.9	220.0	24	24	29	27	3	317.0	281.0	18	21	53	40	7	
District Totals	240	263.6	193.5	58	55	62	55	10	368.1	315.0	39	32	77	88	27	
District 19B																
Montgomery	33	492.7	309.0	1	9	9	5	9	293.6	335.0	2	1	1	4	0	
Randolph	147	443.0	333.0	31	14	36	27	39	441.2	392.0	22	11	26	45	19	
District Totals	180	452.1	314.5	32	23	45	32	48	432.2	391.0	24	12	27	49	19	
District 20																
Anson	55	397.1	333.0	9	7	15	17	7	630.2	451.0	4	9	11	16	17	
Moore	93	429.2	302.0	19	15	20	17	22	541.7	512.5	16	10	18	33	37	
Richmond	103	734.2	395.0	18	15	18	13	39	498.2	455.0	15	7	6	15	18	
Stanly	78	536.0	447.0	13	5	13	24	23	421.8	370.0	10	6	11	18	10	
Union	140	324.1	271.0	34	17	36	42	11	440.7	481.0	16	11	23	54	14	
District Totals	469	478.8	330.0	93	59	102	113	102	501.9	465.0	61	43	69	136	96	

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		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Mean Age	Median Age
<u>District 21</u>										
Forsyth	565	218.2	173.0	144	144	169	107	1	319.0	319.0
<u>District 22</u>										
Alexander	27	149.2	107.0	11	6	8	2	0	272.0	272.0
Davidson	116	245.7	192.5	30	24	36	21	5	308.0	308.0
Davie	37	230.6	150.0	14	5	5	12	1	247.0	247.0
Iredell	132	290.6	220.0	32	23	43	22	12	238.0	238.0
District Totals	312	254.6	193.0	87	58	92	57	18	273.5	273.5
<u>District 23</u>										
Alleghany	10	243.6	181.5	2	3	2	3	0	149.0	149.0
Ashe	19	300.5	240.0	4	3	8	2	2	383.0	383.0
Wilkes	123	309.1	256.0	28	21	32	35	7	476.5	476.5
Yadkin	34	310.4	248.5	7	6	9	9	3	389.5	389.5
District Totals	186	304.9	255.0	41	33	51	49	12	393.0	393.0
<u>District 24</u>										
Avery	38	197.0	137.5	13	11	4	9	1	252.0	252.0
Madison	54	239.1	137.0	7	26	7	12	2	370.0	370.0
Mitchell	73	412.6	242.0	7	6	10	6	4	184.0	184.0
Natauga	73	238.8	212.0	17	14	25	15	2	331.0	331.0
Yancey	11	364.9	323.0	2	1	3	4	1	319.0	319.0
District Totals	209	265.4	186.0	46	58	49	46	10	285.0	285.0
<u>District 25</u>										
Burke	162	491.9	367.5	26	19	35	57	25	516.0	516.0
Caldwell	110	249.4	198.0	31	19	35	20	5	376.5	376.5
Catawba	204	341.1	257.5	40	36	51	55	22	310.0	310.0
District Totals	476	371.2	268.0	97	74	121	132	52	362.0	362.0
<u>District 26</u>										
Mecklenburg	2,209	393.9	318.0	361	338	533	678	299	409.0	409.0
<u>District 27A</u>										
Gaston	292	243.4	183.0	87	58	81	54	12	275.0	275.0
<u>District 27B</u>										
Cleveland	121	272.9	228.0	25	19	42	33	2	315.0	315.0
Lincoln	59	229.5	215.0	8	18	21	12	0	314.5	314.5
District Totals	180	258.7	227.0	33	37	63	45	2	314.5	314.5
<u>District 28</u>										
Buncombe	388	244.8	171.0	102	107	106	55	18	267.5	267.5

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		District 29														
Henderson	149	414.3	347.0	24	21	34	47	23	532.5	554.0	12	9	22	46	40	
McDowell	57	337.6	254.0	13	7	22	10	5	341.7	287.0	5	8	16	11	3	
Polk	16	359.4	334.5	4	1	4	5	2	542.4	365.0	1	4	6	3	7	
Rutherford	88	327.2	278.5	14	20	18	31	5	501.0	549.0	8	8	10	45	12	
Tennessee	53	273.4	248.0	11	9	21	10	2	373.8	377.0	7	5	10	20	4	
District Totals	363	358.1	283.0	66	58	99	103	37	476.9	436.5	33	34	64	125	66	
District 30																
Cherokee	40	443.0	301.0	7	8	9	6	10	288.3	201.5	9	5	7	3	4	
Clay	9	282.6	275.0	0	2	5	2	0	313.5	358.0	2	0	3	0	1	
Graham	14	157.4	129.0	5	3	5	1	0	373.9	360.0	0	4	2	4	2	
Haywood	115	352.7	263.0	19	24	26	33	13	347.2	269.0	17	9	11	26	5	
Jackson	84	666.3	522.0	10	6	14	21	33	611.9	521.0	11	3	9	18	20	
Macon	77	367.3	276.0	13	13	19	19	13	266.7	172.5	18	12	8	16	2	
Swain	32	531.6	475.5	3	4	5	14	6	644.0	490.0	3	1	3	1	7	
District Totals	371	442.8	316.0	57	60	83	96	75	406.4	307.0	60	34	43	68	41	
State Totals	13,677	363.9	271.0	2,729	2,298	3,428	3,516	1,706	389.9	313.0	2,486	1,751	3,267	3,876	1,901	

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<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	42	44	86	40	46.5	46	16	30	46	20	43.4	26
Chowan	196	155	351	118	33.6	233	96	58	154	45	29.2	109
Currituck	123	101	224	94	41.9	130	62	53	115	76	66.0	39
Dare	556	143	699	481	68.8	218	124	90	214	82	38.3	132
Gates	79	86	165	99	60.0	66	12	31	43	19	44.1	24
Pasquotank	262	227	489	220	44.9	269	87	140	227	132	58.1	95
Perquimans	170	88	258	63	24.4	195	44	59	103	33	32.0	70
District Totals	1,428	844	2,272	1,115	49.0	1,157	441	461	902	407	45.1	495
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	332	357	689	342	49.6	347	393	164	557	114	20.4	443
Hyde	64	48	112	54	48.2	58	46	28	74	35	47.2	39
Martin	264	214	478	178	37.2	300	125	155	280	79	28.2	201
Tyrrell	32	27	59	21	35.5	38	11	4	15	8	53.3	7
Washington	110	89	199	96	48.2	103	69	74	143	106	74.1	37
District Totals	802	735	1,537	691	44.9	846	644	425	1,069	342	31.9	727
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	390	492	882	474	53.7	408	134	168	302	186	61.5	116
Craven	471	403	874	336	38.4	538	197	276	473	262	55.3	211
Pamlico	102	78	180	95	52.7	85	30	30	60	21	35.0	39
Pitt	649	591	1,240	580	46.7	660	166	421	587	379	64.5	208
District Totals	1,612	1,564	3,176	1,485	46.7	1,691	527	895	1,422	848	59.6	574
<u>District 4</u>												
Duplin	485	353	838	340	40.5	498	260	169	429	198	46.1	231
Jones	70	96	166	69	41.5	97	75	43	118	33	27.9	85
Onslow	480	369	849	338	39.8	511	318	538	856	477	55.7	379
Sampson	492	353	845	371	43.9	474	198	248	446	233	52.2	213
District Totals	1,527	1,171	2,698	1,118	41.4	1,580	851	998	1,849	941	50.8	908
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	1,268	744	2,012	1,212	60.2	800	267	786	1,053	892	84.7	161
Pender	212	136	348	144	41.3	204	124	107	231	88	38.0	143
District Totals	1,480	880	2,360	1,356	57.4	1,004	391	893	1,284	980	76.3	304
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	192	160	352	147	41.7	205	79	66	145	66	45.5	79
Halifax	697	405	1,102	359	32.5	743	435	257	692	188	27.1	504
Hertford	185	214	399	208	52.1	191	94	111	205	84	40.9	121
Northampton	175	190	365	174	47.6	191	64	106	170	84	49.4	86
District Totals	1,249	969	2,218	888	40.0	1,330	672	540	1,212	422	34.8	790
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	378	465	843	467	55.3	376	246	235	481	208	43.2	273
Nash	509	446	955	470	49.2	485	282	288	570	239	41.9	331
Wilson	706	446	1,152	504	43.7	648	389	339	728	267	36.6	461
District Totals	1,593	1,357	2,950	1,441	48.8	1,509	917	862	1,779	714	40.1	1,065
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	101	135	236	118	50.0	118	67	51	118	51	43.2	67
Lenoir	361	478	839	439	52.3	400	145	328	473	322	68.0	151
Wayne	1,004	573	1,577	694	44.0	883	391	610	1,001	567	56.6	434
District Totals	1,466	1,186	2,652	1,251	47.1	1,401	603	989	1,592	940	59.0	652
<u>District 9</u>												
Franklin	397	225	622	311	50.0	311	205	146	351	115	32.7	236
Granville	239	254	493	269	54.5	224	56	345	401	350	87.2	51
Person	226	229	455	234	51.4	221	103	153	256	131	51.1	125
Vance	381	260	641	325	50.7	316	145	148	293	235	80.2	58
Warren	195	186	381	204	53.5	177	81	107	188	88	46.8	100
District Totals	1,438	1,154	2,592	1,343	51.8	1,249	590	899	1,489	919	61.7	570

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<u>District 10</u>												
Wake	3,138	1,547	4,685	1,496	31.9	3,189	942	1,420	2,362	1,303	55.1	1,059
<u>District 11</u>												
Harnett	518	354	872	389	44.6	483	234	245	479	244	50.9	235
Johnston	477	525	1,002	487	48.6	515	160	533	693	500	72.1	193
Lee	457	231	688	207	30.0	481	313	137	450	137	30.4	313
District Totals	1,452	1,110	2,562	1,083	42.2	1,479	707	915	1,622	881	54.3	741
<u>District 12</u>												
Cumberland	814	808	1,622	821	50.6	801	580	1,262	1,842	1,351	73.3	491
Hoke	99	78	177	77	43.5	100	60	98	158	94	59.4	64
District Totals	913	886	1,799	898	49.9	901	640	1,360	2,000	1,445	72.2	555
<u>District 13</u>												
Bladen	138	138	276	142	51.4	134	59	183	242	164	67.7	78
Brunswick	355	332	687	316	45.9	371	159	163	322	186	57.7	136
Columbus	420	284	704	266	37.7	438	474	249	723	206	28.4	517
District Totals	913	754	1,667	724	43.4	943	692	595	1,287	556	43.2	731
<u>District 14</u>												
Durham	1,708	1,031	2,739	1,003	36.6	1,736	256	974	1,230	956	77.7	274
<u>District 15A</u>												
Alamance	715	707	1,422	640	45.0	782	224	505	729	413	56.6	316
<u>District 15B</u>												
Chatham	314	229	543	225	41.4	318	159	121	280	105	37.5	175
Orange	835	430	1,265	481	38.0	784	601	459	1,060	218	20.5	842
District Totals	1,149	659	1,808	706	39.0	1,102	760	580	1,340	323	24.1	1,017
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson	537	593	1,130	553	48.9	577	275	482	757	507	66.9	250
Scotland	243	221	464	186	40.0	278	190	132	322	125	38.8	197
District Totals	780	814	1,594	739	46.3	855	465	614	1,079	632	58.5	447
<u>District 17A</u>												
Caswell	140	126	266	124	46.6	142	51	71	122	76	62.2	46
Rockingham	940	656	1,596	685	42.9	911	352	314	666	322	48.3	344
District Totals	1,080	782	1,862	809	43.4	1,053	403	385	788	398	50.5	390
<u>District 17B</u>												
Stokes	209	182	391	193	49.3	198	68	147	215	143	66.5	72
Surry	463	433	896	420	46.8	476	170	323	493	287	58.2	206
District Totals	672	615	1,287	613	47.6	674	238	470	708	430	60.7	278
<u>District 18</u>												
Guilford	2,919	2,178	5,097	2,366	46.4	2,731	656	1,887	2,543	1,919	75.4	624
<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	791	627	1,418	632	44.5	786	237	331	568	325	57.2	243
Rowan	938	872	1,810	841	46.4	969	272	939	1,211	878	72.5	333
District Totals	1,729	1,499	3,228	1,473	45.6	1,755	509	1,270	1,779	1,203	67.6	576
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	172	184	356	164	46.0	192	119	158	277	154	55.5	123
Randolph	568	642	1,210	597	49.3	613	131	387	518	397	76.6	121
District Totals	740	826	1,566	761	48.5	805	250	545	795	551	69.3	244

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<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	477	128	605	115	19.0	490	137	72	209	64	30.6	145
Moore	748	454	1,202	513	42.6	689	125	276	401	248	61.8	153
Richmond	451	320	771	303	39.2	468	224	199	423	129	30.4	294
Stanly	821	452	1,273	601	47.2	672	232	205	437	165	37.7	272
Union	402	375	777	407	52.3	370	113	273	386	301	77.9	85
District Totals	2,899	1,729	4,628	1,939	41.8	2,689	831	1,025	1,856	907	48.8	949
<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	2,027	1,514	3,541	1,548	43.7	1,993	296	1,298	1,594	1,359	85.2	235
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	141	146	287	146	50.8	141	33	129	162	101	62.3	61
Davidson	774	762	1,536	765	49.8	771	159	414	573	461	80.4	112
Davie	138	159	297	153	51.5	144	67	108	175	98	56.0	77
Iredell	717	648	1,365	598	43.8	767	196	376	572	412	72.0	160
District Totals	1,770	1,715	3,485	1,662	47.6	1,823	455	1,027	1,482	1,072	72.3	410
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	93	72	165	66	40.0	99	21	60	81	54	66.6	27
Ashe	165	173	338	155	45.8	183	77	137	214	124	57.9	90
Wilkes	369	273	642	252	39.2	390	266	466	732	389	53.1	343
Yadkin	279	201	480	209	43.5	271	74	188	262	157	59.9	105
District Totals	906	719	1,625	682	41.9	943	438	851	1,289	724	56.1	565
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	126	106	232	93	40.0	139	73	95	168	62	36.9	106
Madison	158	83	241	101	41.9	140	59	50	109	38	34.8	71
Mitchell	453	128	581	80	13.7	501	45	80	125	72	57.6	53
Watauga	231	171	402	147	36.5	255	93	158	251	123	49.0	128
Yancey	172	130	302	100	33.1	202	47	44	91	55	60.4	36
District Totals	1,140	618	1,758	521	29.6	1,237	317	427	744	350	47.0	394
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	749	384	1,133	448	39.5	685	187	395	582	393	67.5	189
Caldwell	621	401	1,022	362	35.4	660	152	317	469	298	63.5	171
Catawba	1,174	667	1,841	708	38.4	1,133	208	351	559	380	67.9	179
District Totals	2,544	1,452	3,996	1,518	37.9	2,478	547	1,063	1,610	1,071	66.5	539
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	3,334	2,696	6,030	2,521	41.8	3,509	2,008	2,431	4,439	2,016	45.4	2,423
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	1,432	996	2,428	969	39.9	1,459	473	680	1,153	822	71.2	331
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	634	539	1,173	592	50.4	581	140	460	600	463	77.1	137
Lincoln	271	275	546	267	48.9	279	86	172	258	181	70.1	77
District Totals	905	814	1,719	859	49.9	860	226	632	858	644	75.0	214
<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	2,054	1,377	3,431	1,267	36.9	2,164	891	945	1,836	806	43.8	1,030
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	697	569	1,266	540	42.6	726	160	267	427	259	60.6	168
McDowell	360	197	557	175	31.4	382	129	158	287	180	62.7	107
Polk	218	159	377	127	33.6	250	24	56	80	64	80.0	16
Rutherford	457	462	919	424	46.1	495	228	232	460	188	40.8	272
Transylvania	472	195	667	175	26.2	492	282	120	402	188	46.7	214
District Totals	2,204	1,582	3,786	1,441	38.0	2,345	823	833	1,656	879	53.0	777

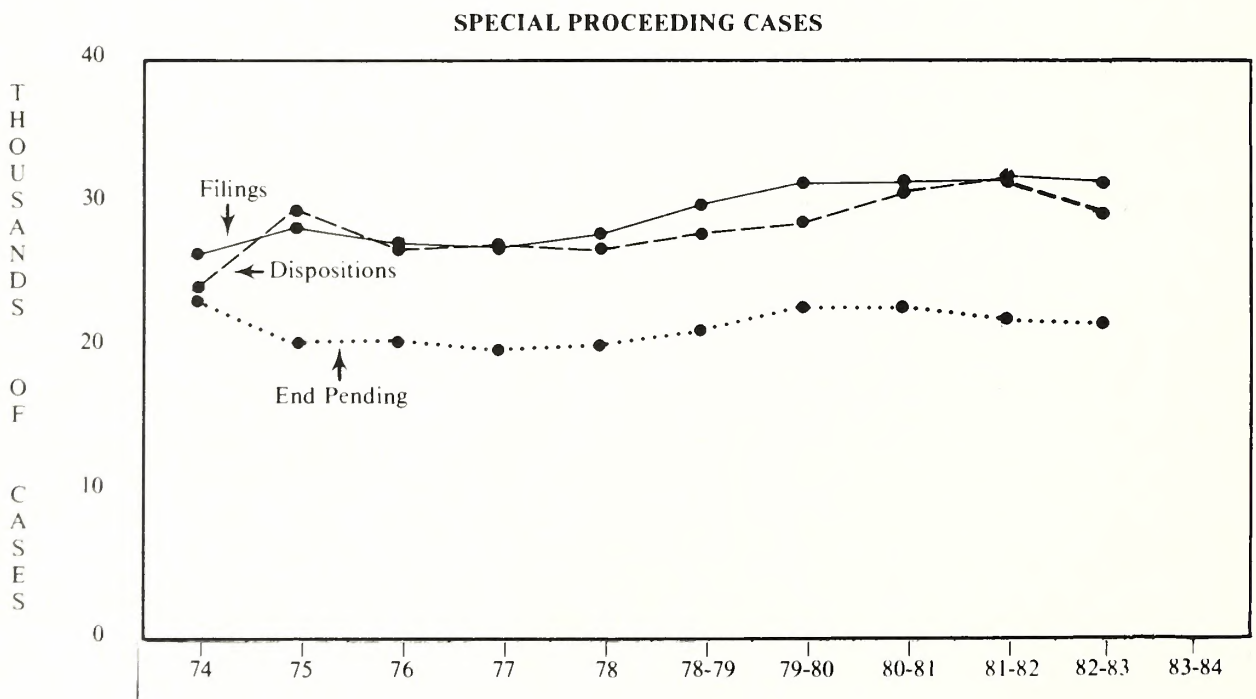
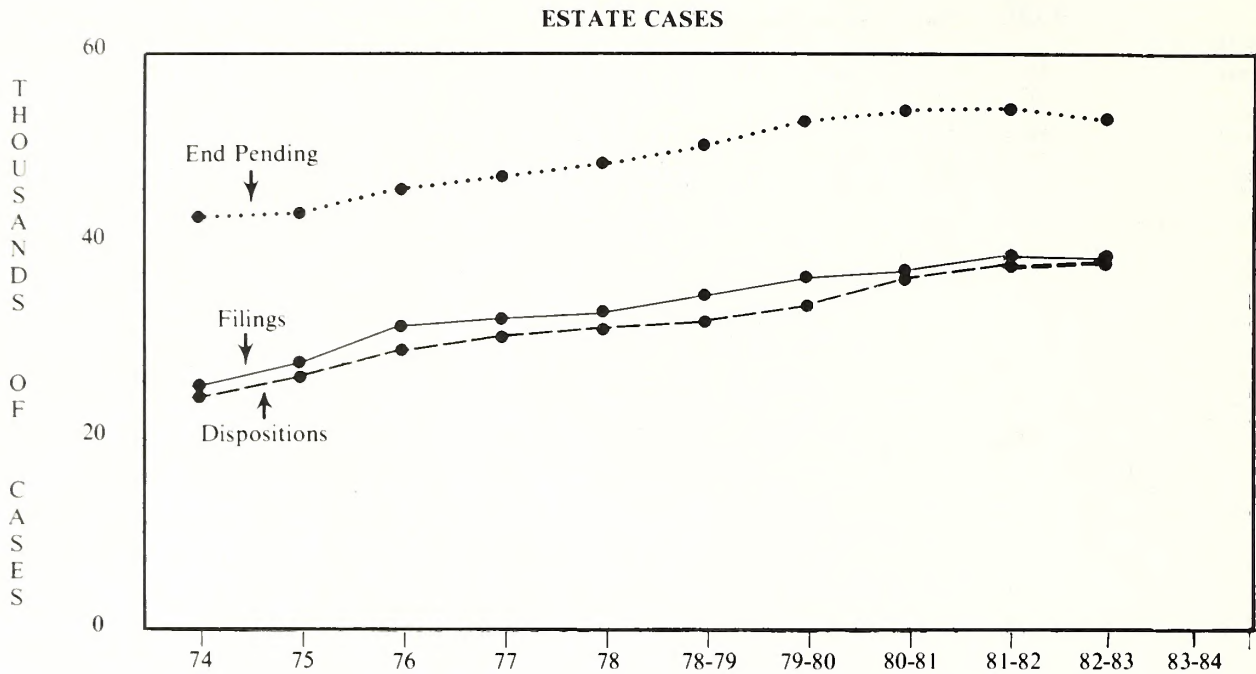
# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	429	172	601	143	23.7	458	96	100	196	100	51.0	96
Clay	51	50	101	47	46.5	54	28	38	66	36	54.5	30
Graham	63	46	109	22	20.1	87	12	33	45	23	51.1	22
Haywood	449	361	810	357	44.0	453	165	253	418	222	53.1	196
Jackson	327	140	467	156	33.4	311	143	156	299	116	38.7	183
Macon	412	153	565	147	26.0	418	242	318	560	275	49.1	285
Swain	130	75	205	74	36.0	131	64	53	117	62	52.9	55
District Totals	1,861	997	2,858	946	33.1	1,912	750	951	1,701	834	49.0	867
State Totals	53,579	39,477	93,056	39,872	42.8	53,184	20,433	30,645	51,078	29,007	56.7	22,071

# CASELOAD TRENDS IN ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS

## 1974 — Estate Cases 1983-84

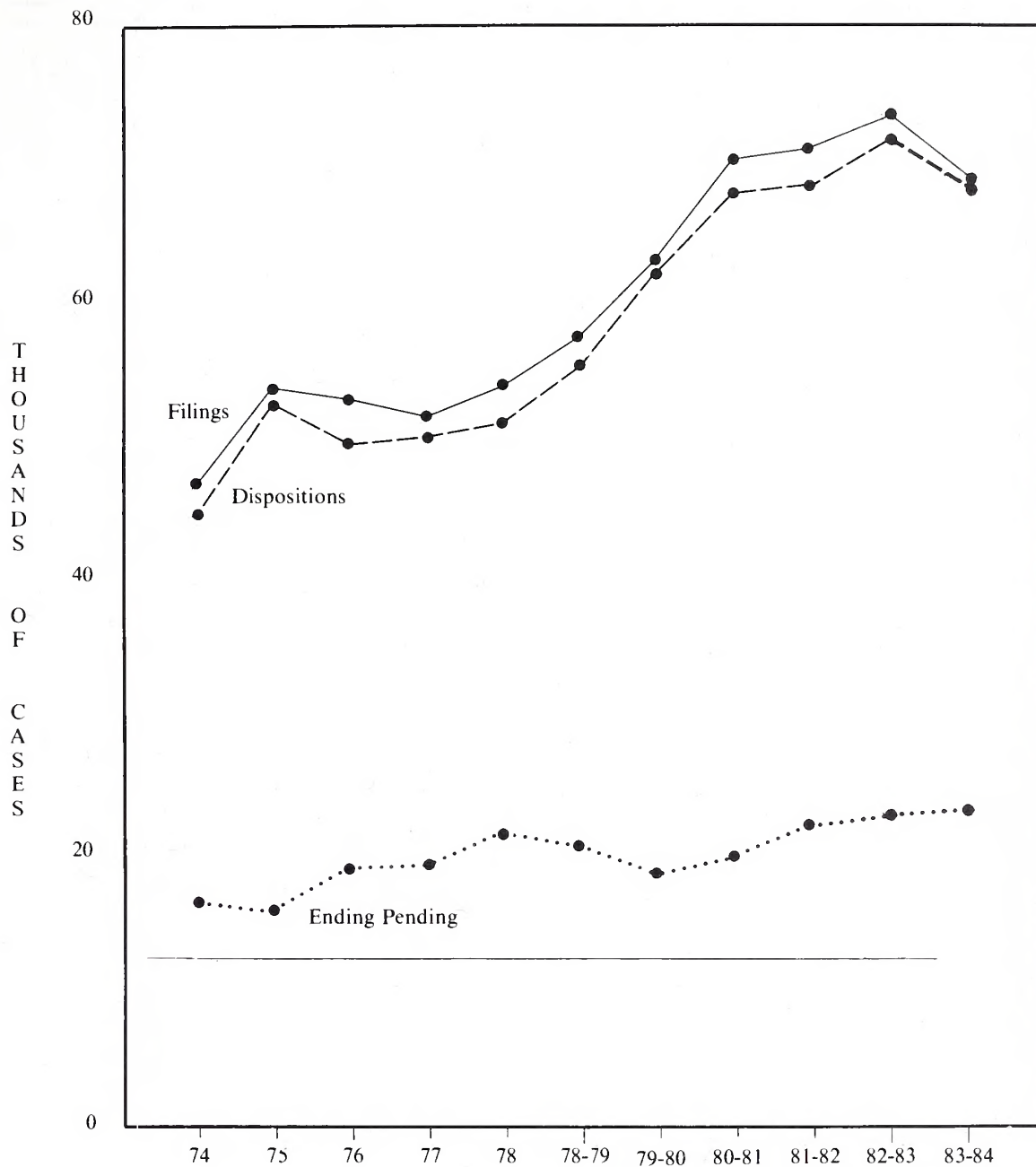


Dispositions of estate cases exceeded filings for the first time in a decade during the 1983-84 fiscal year. As a result, the volume of pending estate cases at the year end decreased in comparison to the number pending at the

beginning of this year. Special proceedings filings decreased 3.7% and dispositions decreased by 9.4% during the 1983-84 year.

# CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

1974—1983-84



Criminal superior case filings decreased by 3.6% and dispositions declined by 7.1% during the 1983-84 fiscal year. The criminal caseload trend in superior court is

determined primarily by felony cases, since felony cases substantially outnumber misdemeanor appeal cases.

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	5	9	14	8	57.1	6	38	48	86	55	63.9	31
Chowan	31	73	104	60	57.6	44	32	223	255	198	77.6	57
Currituck	9	56	65	57	87.6	8	31	241	272	233	85.6	39
Dare	39	69	108	87	80.5	21	81	273	354	272	76.8	82
Gates	4	35	39	25	64.1	14	11	53	64	41	64.0	23
Pasquotank	49	166	215	141	65.5	74	70	558	628	508	80.8	120
Perquimans	6	51	57	28	49.1	29	22	129	151	93	61.5	58
District Totals	143	459	602	406	67.4	196	285	1,525	1,810	1,400	77.3	410
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	148	457	605	374	61.8	231	97	233	330	235	71.2	95
Hyde	52	69	121	97	80.1	24	33	35	68	60	88.2	8
Martin	34	154	188	144	76.5	44	13	63	76	35	46.0	41
Tyrrell	0	38	38	30	78.9	8	23	45	68	63	92.6	5
Washington	20	90	110	75	68.1	35	17	50	67	46	68.6	21
District Totals	254	808	1,062	720	67.7	342	183	426	609	439	72.0	170
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	53	293	346	220	63.5	126	14	82	96	77	80.2	19
Craven	75	509	584	440	75.3	144	36	294	330	281	85.1	49
Pamlico	18	23	41	32	78.0	9	9	26	35	24	68.5	11
Pitt	185	691	876	588	67.1	288	119	540	659	514	77.9	145
District Totals	331	1,516	1,847	1,280	69.3	567	178	942	1,120	896	80.0	224
<u>District 4</u>												
Duplin	80	395	475	391	82.3	84	6	38	44	36	81.8	8
Jones	9	78	87	85	97.7	2	0	6	6	5	83.3	1
Onslow	337	840	1,177	1,037	88.1	140	32	105	137	99	72.2	38
Sampson	94	379	473	455	96.1	18	9	39	48	47	97.9	1
District Totals	520	1,692	2,212	1,968	88.9	244	47	188	235	187	79.5	48
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	323	1,836	2,159	1,826	84.5	333	59	643	702	591	84.1	111
Pender	22	84	106	89	83.9	17	21	55	76	64	84.2	12
District Totals	345	1,920	2,265	1,915	84.5	350	80	698	778	655	84.1	123
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	25	87	112	95	84.8	17	20	53	73	53	72.6	20
Halifax	103	314	417	315	75.5	102	104	205	309	241	77.9	68
Hertford	29	193	222	182	81.9	40	15	90	105	80	76.1	25
Northampton	26	88	114	69	60.5	45	17	48	65	40	61.5	25
District Totals	183	682	865	661	76.4	204	156	396	552	414	75.0	138
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	56	300	356	303	85.1	53	33	220	253	212	83.7	41
Nash	75	288	363	325	89.5	38	77	182	259	232	89.5	27
Wilson	93	291	384	304	79.1	80	46	159	205	166	80.9	39
District Totals	224	879	1,103	932	84.4	171	156	561	717	610	85.0	107
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	19	136	155	92	59.3	63	8	75	83	55	66.2	28
Lenoir	59	367	426	359	84.2	67	93	441	534	439	82.2	95
Wayne	130	512	642	546	85.0	96	91	368	459	364	79.3	95
District Totals	208	1,015	1,223	997	81.5	226	192	884	1,076	858	79.7	218
<u>District 9</u>												
Franklin	48	194	242	142	58.6	100	82	220	302	197	65.2	105
Granville	80	311	391	252	64.4	139	73	152	225	151	67.1	74
Person	44	242	286	219	76.5	67	49	241	290	176	60.6	114
Vance	111	325	436	321	73.6	115	82	197	279	206	73.8	73
Warren	46	68	114	76	66.6	38	62	99	161	105	65.2	56
District Totals	329	1,140	1,469	1,010	68.7	459	348	909	1,257	835	66.4	422

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 10</u>												
Wake	1,600	3,089	4,689	3,240	69.0	1,449	667	1,994	2,661	1,854	69.6	807
<u>District 11</u>												
Harnett	68	229	297	267	89.8	30	12	101	113	104	92.0	9
Johnston	29	358	387	297	76.7	90	30	149	179	144	80.4	35
Lee	54	354	408	303	74.2	105	20	255	275	213	77.4	62
District Totals	151	941	1,092	867	79.3	225	62	505	567	461	81.3	106
<u>District 12</u>												
Cumberland	457	1,435	1,892	1,405	74.2	487	132	551	683	545	79.7	138
Hoke	10	68	78	71	91.0	7	10	63	73	61	83.5	12
District Totals	467	1,503	1,970	1,476	74.9	494	142	614	756	606	80.1	150
<u>District 13</u>												
Bladen	68	188	256	157	61.3	99	56	86	142	109	76.7	33
Brunswick	152	159	311	205	65.9	106	52	93	145	100	68.9	45
Columbus	170	324	494	453	91.7	41	116	284	400	352	88.0	48
District Totals	390	671	1,061	815	76.8	246	224	463	687	561	81.6	126
<u>District 14</u>												
Durham	527	1,563	2,090	1,492	71.3	598	138	548	686	480	69.9	206
<u>District 15A</u>												
Alamance	270	971	1,241	782	63.0	459	120	341	461	366	79.3	95
<u>District 15B</u>												
Chatham	14	134	148	95	64.1	53	3	28	31	22	70.9	9
Orange	47	489	536	446	83.2	90	14	80	94	77	81.9	17
District Totals	61	623	684	541	79.0	143	17	108	125	99	79.2	26
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson	332	910	1,242	1,065	85.7	177	154	530	684	538	78.6	146
Scotland	155	229	384	256	66.6	128	167	245	412	253	61.4	159
District Totals	487	1,139	1,626	1,321	81.2	305	321	775	1,096	791	72.1	305
<u>District 17A</u>												
Caswell	1	117	118	117	99.1	1	7	115	122	118	96.7	4
Rockingham	167	664	831	693	83.3	138	177	581	758	650	85.7	108
District Totals	168	781	949	810	85.3	139	184	696	880	768	87.2	112
<u>District 17B</u>												
Stokes	69	172	241	223	92.5	18	46	160	206	157	76.2	49
Surry	136	409	545	418	76.6	127	108	460	568	489	86.0	79
District Totals	205	581	786	641	81.5	145	154	620	774	646	83.4	128
<u>District 18</u>												
Guilford												
Greensboro	916	2,410	3,326	2,432	73.1	894	179	651	830	614	73.9	216
High Point	261	802	1,063	634	59.6	429	73	195	268	130	48.5	138
District Totals	1,177	3,212	4,389	3,066	69.8	1,323	252	846	1,098	744	67.7	354
<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	273	563	836	621	74.2	215	293	607	900	628	69.7	272
Rowan	127	536	663	532	80.2	131	119	562	681	549	80.6	132
District Totals	400	1,099	1,499	1,153	76.9	346	412	1,169	1,581	1,177	74.4	404
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	82	303	385	165	42.8	220	116	263	379	288	75.9	91
Randolph	348	507	855	531	62.1	324	270	828	1,098	717	65.3	381
District Totals	430	810	1,240	696	56.1	544	386	1,091	1,477	1,005	68.0	472

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	162	127	289	225	77.8	64	43	306	349	205	58.7	144
Moore	101	435	536	476	88.8	60	86	305	391	329	84.1	62
Richmond	59	605	664	468	70.4	196	84	368	452	392	86.7	60
Stanly	94	357	451	390	86.4	61	104	227	331	275	83.0	56
Union	34	483	517	346	66.9	171	50	495	545	442	81.1	103
District Totals	450	2,007	2,457	1,905	77.5	552	367	1,701	2,068	1,643	79.4	425
<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	525	2,094	2,619	2,188	83.5	431	500	1,890	2,390	2,179	91.1	211
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	8	80	88	60	68.1	28	19	108	127	114	89.7	13
Davidson	169	218	387	287	74.1	100	114	388	502	419	83.4	83
Davie	10	51	61	42	68.8	19	23	124	147	112	76.1	35
Iredell	143	386	529	370	69.9	159	102	363	465	370	79.5	95
District Totals	330	735	1,065	759	71.2	306	258	983	1,241	1,015	81.7	226
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	7	76	83	27	32.5	56	7	18	25	17	68.0	8
Ashe	32	47	79	41	51.8	38	39	59	98	47	47.9	51
Wilkes	57	177	234	163	69.6	71	119	349	468	320	68.3	148
Yadkin	32	149	181	95	52.4	86	46	184	230	175	76.0	55
District Totals	128	449	577	326	56.4	251	211	610	821	559	68.0	262
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	53	62	115	77	66.9	38	7	20	27	19	70.3	8
Madison	41	93	134	83	61.9	51	10	12	22	10	45.4	12
Mitchell	29	41	70	43	61.4	27	3	12	15	11	73.3	4
Watauga	38	345	383	203	53.0	180	4	38	42	33	78.5	9
Yancey	4	51	55	16	29.0	39	11	37	48	20	41.6	28
District Totals	165	592	757	422	55.7	335	35	119	154	93	60.3	61
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	242	301	543	434	79.9	109	91	289	380	264	69.4	116
Caldwell	163	501	664	488	73.4	176	45	215	260	194	74.6	66
Catawba	251	593	844	638	75.5	206	132	427	559	432	77.2	127
District Totals	656	1,395	2,051	1,560	76.0	491	268	931	1,199	890	74.2	309
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	1,311	2,873	4,184	2,915	69.6	1,269	352	952	1,304	884	67.7	420
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	278	1,020	1,298	1,057	81.4	241	128	576	704	515	73.1	189
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	68	413	481	354	73.5	127	34	259	293	204	69.6	89
Lincoln	41	268	309	270	87.3	39	18	132	150	90	60.0	60
District Totals	109	681	790	624	78.9	166	52	391	443	294	66.3	149
<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	303	1,047	1,350	1,016	75.2	334	79	316	395	308	77.9	87
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	82	552	634	443	69.8	191	29	168	197	114	57.8	83
McDowell	61	183	244	210	86.0	34	16	137	153	121	79.0	32
Polk	42	42	84	65	77.3	19	25	14	39	28	71.7	11
Rutherford	240	410	650	527	81.0	123	72	262	334	258	77.2	76
Transylvania	35	112	147	104	70.7	43	14	69	83	62	74.6	21
District Totals	460	1,299	1,759	1,349	76.6	410	156	650	806	583	72.3	223

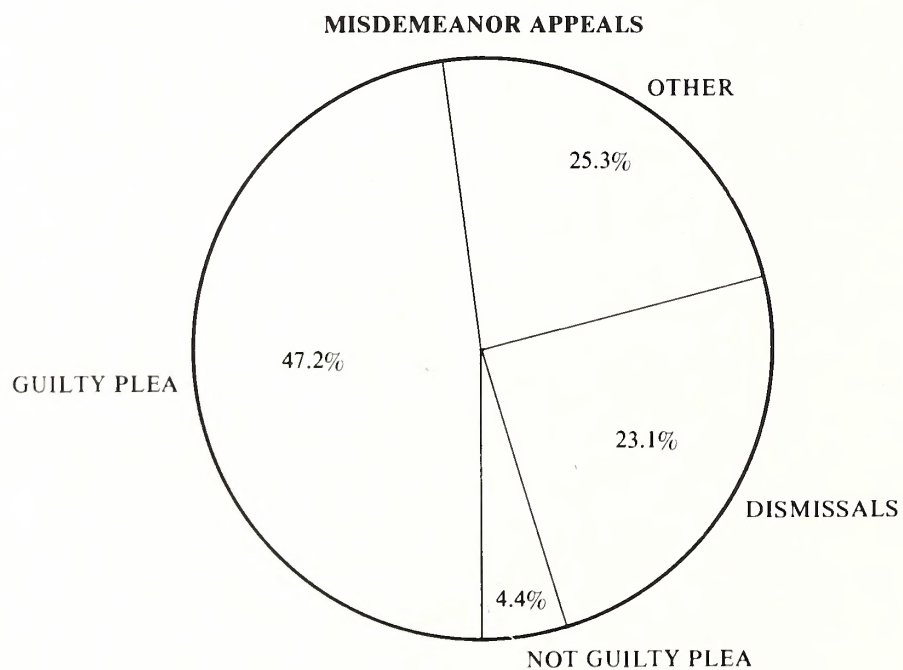
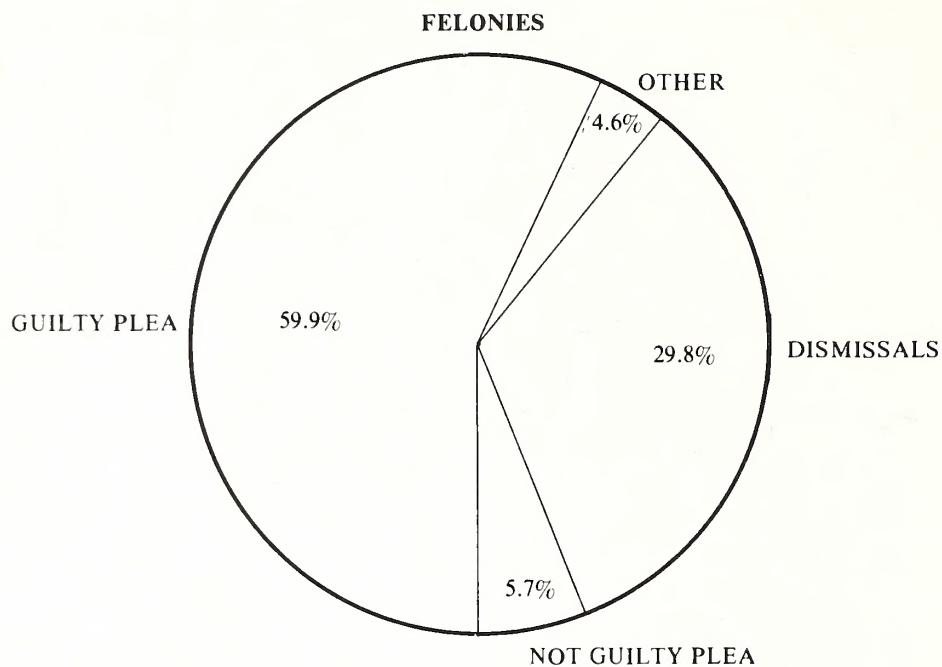
# **CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS**

**July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984**

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	49	96	145	85	58.6	60	38	111	149	119	79.8	30
Clay	8	2	10	10	100.0	0	10	30	40	28	70.0	12
Graham	28	40	68	38	55.8	30	13	15	28	16	57.1	12
Haywood	159	449	608	386	63.4	222	95	224	319	190	59.5	129
Jackson	69	118	187	117	62.5	70	30	55	85	68	80.0	17
Macon	33	119	152	112	73.6	40	24	33	57	40	70.1	17
Swain	7	50	57	40	70.1	17	23	30	53	35	66.0	18
District Totals	353	874	1,227	788	64.2	439	233	498	731	496	67.8	235
State Totals	13,938	42,160	56,098	41,698	74.3	14,400	7,343	25,916	33,259	25,311	76.1	7,948

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL CASES

1983-1984



Guilty pleas constitute the largest disposition category for criminal superior court cases. The dismissal category, as

graphed here, includes speedy trial dismissals by the district attorney, both with and without leave.

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	8	2	2	3	0	1	55	38	1	12	0	4
Chowan	60	30	4	23	0	3	198	80	7	11	0	100
Currituck	57	34	4	10	0	9	233	199	7	26	0	1
Dare	87	36	2	45	0	4	272	228	6	36	0	2
Gates	25	17	2	3	0	3	41	20	3	3	0	15
Pasquotank	141	104	14	15	0	8	508	172	5	41	0	290
Perquimans	28	10	3	10	0	5	93	36	3	12	0	42
District Totals	406	233	31	109	0	33	1,400	773	32	141	0	454
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	374	235	76	40	2	21	235	154	17	26	1	37
Hyde	97	42	10	13	0	32	60	25	8	10	0	17
Martin	144	92	25	15	0	12	35	13	7	7	0	8
Tyrrell	30	16	4	6	0	4	63	21	13	12	0	17
Washington	75	33	19	12	0	11	46	14	3	5	0	24
District Totals	720	418	134	86	2	80	439	227	48	60	1	103
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	220	110	7	98	0	5	77	41	1	23	0	12
Craven	440	245	16	169	0	10	281	127	21	94	0	39
Pamlico	32	17	5	7	0	3	24	13	0	3	0	8
Pitt	588	388	41	122	0	37	514	286	42	96	0	90
District Totals	1,280	760	69	396	0	55	896	467	64	216	0	149
<u>District 4</u>												
Duplin	391	251	32	92	0	16	36	11	5	5	0	15
Jones	85	14	23	48	0	0	5	2	1	2	0	0
Onslow	1,037	614	50	348	0	25	99	33	19	27	0	20
Sampson	455	297	34	110	0	14	47	32	4	5	0	6
District Totals	1,968	1,176	139	598	0	55	187	78	29	39	0	41
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	1,826	1,192	95	484	0	55	591	339	29	115	0	108
Pender	89	51	2	21	0	15	64	18	3	19	0	24
District Totals	1,915	1,243	97	505	0	70	655	357	32	134	0	132
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	95	55	6	18	0	16	53	28	7	9	0	9
Halifax	315	141	25	135	0	14	241	107	15	76	0	43
Hertford	182	112	15	42	0	13	80	40	7	21	0	12
Northampton	69	23	14	22	0	10	40	11	5	7	0	17
District Totals	661	331	60	217	0	53	414	186	34	113	0	81
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	303	163	15	123	0	2	212	86	13	77	0	36
Nash	325	157	11	138	0	19	232	98	15	72	0	47
Wilson	304	186	15	70	0	33	166	91	7	37	0	31
District Totals	932	506	41	331	0	54	610	275	35	186	0	114
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	92	80	4	5	0	3	55	24	5	13	0	13
Lenoir	359	180	38	122	0	19	439	225	24	105	0	85
Wayne	546	287	54	187	0	18	364	202	26	86	0	50
District Totals	997	547	96	314	0	40	858	451	55	204	0	148

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<u>District 9</u>												
Franklin	142	69	4	62	0	7	197	95	5	76	0	21
Granville	252	168	6	54	0	24	151	68	7	37	0	39
Person	219	60	16	86	0	57	176	76	8	43	0	49
Vance	321	224	5	80	0	12	206	102	6	61	0	37
Warren	76	41	6	27	0	2	105	53	2	21	0	29
District Totals	1,010	562	37	309	0	102	835	394	28	238	0	175
<u>District 10</u>												
Wake	3,240	1,624	130	1,365	6	115	1,854	532	24	767	20	511
<u>District 11</u>												
Harnett	267	182	27	51	0	7	104	52	9	24	0	19
Johnston	297	176	20	91	0	10	144	48	8	28	0	60
Lee	303	212	3	85	0	3	213	78	4	66	0	65
District Totals	867	570	50	227	0	20	461	178	21	118	0	144
<u>District 12</u>												
Cumberland	1,405	957	96	300	0	52	545	234	43	69	0	199
Hoke	71	48	2	13	0	8	61	26	10	14	0	11
District Totals	1,476	1,005	98	313	0	60	606	260	53	83	0	210
<u>District 13</u>												
Bladen	157	95	15	43	0	4	109	38	8	38	0	25
Brunswick	205	107	18	57	0	23	100	43	9	34	0	14
Columbus	453	284	45	102	0	22	352	137	17	87	2	109
District Totals	815	486	78	202	0	49	561	218	34	159	2	148
<u>District 14</u>												
Ourham	1,492	855	96	497	0	44	480	215	34	150	0	81
<u>District 15A</u>												
Alamance	782	481	74	213	0	14	366	186	40	85	0	55
<u>District 15B</u>												
Chatham	95	55	5	23	0	12	22	9	1	7	0	5
Orange	446	240	12	167	0	27	77	26	7	19	0	25
District Totals	541	295	17	190	0	39	99	35	8	26	0	30
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson	1,065	815	106	59	0	85	538	255	29	26	12	216
Scotland	256	211	19	16	0	10	253	165	6	37	0	45
District Totals	1,321	1,026	125	75	0	95	791	420	35	63	12	261
<u>District 17A</u>												
Caswell	117	105	3	5	0	4	118	95	2	9	0	12
Rockingham	693	531	22	115	0	25	650	379	16	89	0	166
District Totals	810	636	25	120	0	29	768	474	18	98	0	178
<u>District 17B</u>												
Stokes	223	198	0	19	0	6	157	128	0	15	0	14
Surry	418	341	24	45	0	8	489	323	6	39	0	121
District Totals	641	539	24	64	0	14	646	451	6	54	0	135
<u>District 18</u>												
Guilford												
Greensboro	2,432	1,684	82	555	0	111	614	276	6	136	0	196
High Point	634	401	12	200	0	21	130	42	2	48	0	38
District Totals	3,066	2,085	94	755	0	132	744	318	8	184	0	234

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<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	621	368	16	224	0	13	628	424	9	132	0	63
Rowan	532	339	27	144	0	22	549	242	34	124	0	149
District Totals	1,153	707	43	368	0	35	1,177	666	43	256	0	212
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	165	63	9	60	0	33	288	140	7	87	0	54
Randolph	531	370	4	144	0	13	717	421	11	96	0	189
District Totals	696	433	13	204	0	46	1,005	561	18	183	0	243
<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	225	86	3	125	0	11	205	84	6	89	0	26
Moore	476	245	9	212	0	10	329	110	12	90	0	117
Richmond	468	222	8	230	0	8	392	144	6	166	0	76
Stanly	390	172	15	183	0	20	275	174	0	76	0	25
Union	346	176	19	141	0	10	442	153	17	92	0	180
District Totals	1,905	901	54	891	0	59	1,643	665	41	513	0	424
<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	2,188	1,725	81	329	0	53	2,179	1,312	44	340	0	483
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	60	45	2	9	0	4	114	46	4	20	0	44
Davidson	287	182	24	52	0	29	419	94	10	87	0	228
Davie	42	23	8	5	0	6	112	43	9	28	0	32
Iredell	370	188	16	132	0	34	370	134	15	87	0	134
District Totals	759	438	50	193	0	73	1,015	317	38	222	0	438
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	27	15	3	3	0	6	17	6	4	4	0	3
Ashe	41	21	6	11	0	3	47	22	3	5	0	17
Wilkes	163	104	10	29	0	20	320	129	23	44	0	124
Yadkin	95	71	2	9	0	13	175	102	5	15	0	53
District Totals	326	211	21	52	0	42	559	259	35	68	0	197
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	77	53	7	13	0	4	19	10	2	2	0	5
Madison	83	29	17	34	0	3	10	6	0	3	0	1
Mitchell	43	17	4	22	0	0	11	4	4	2	0	1
Watauga	203	109	10	79	0	5	33	5	2	6	0	20
Yancey	16	9	0	5	0	2	20	1	8	4	0	7
District Totals	422	217	38	153	0	14	93	26	16	17	0	34
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	434	204	19	185	1	25	264	96	14	79	1	74
Caldwell	488	219	14	226	0	29	194	82	13	47	0	52
Catawba	638	330	48	233	5	22	432	123	42	86	5	176
District Totals	1,560	753	81	644	6	76	890	301	69	212	6	302
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	2,915	1,389	210	1,216	24	76	884	283	58	335	0	208
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	1,057	565	68	372	3	49	515	234	46	152	0	83
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	354	177	23	143	0	11	204	101	7	49	0	47
Lincoln	270	59	9	191	0	11	90	30	3	24	0	33
District Totals	624	236	32	334	0	22	294	131	10	73	0	80

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<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	1,016	734	54	199	0	29	308	117	16	68	0	107
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	443	303	20	99	0	21	114	63	7	26	0	18
McDowell	210	147	8	44	0	11	121	79	10	11	0	21
Polk	65	45	0	18	0	2	28	17	0	7	0	4
Rutherford	527	334	18	135	0	40	258	103	9	43	0	103
Transylvania	104	71	3	20	0	10	62	36	5	12	0	9
District Totals	1,349	900	49	316	0	84	583	298	31	99	0	155
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	85	49	5	27	0	4	119	52	1	59	0	7
Clay	10	6	0	2	0	2	28	22	3	2	0	1
Graham	38	11	0	17	0	10	16	2	2	6	0	6
Haywood	386	194	55	111	0	26	190	129	10	48	0	3
Jackson	117	65	1	10	0	41	68	40	1	13	0	14
Macon	112	60	9	25	0	18	40	19	4	6	0	11
Swain	40	18	0	22	0	0	35	15	2	13	0	5
District Totals	788	403	70	214	0	101	496	279	23	147	0	47
State Totals	41,698	24,990	2,379	12,376	41	1,912	25,311	11,944	1,126	5,803	41	6,397

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		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)						Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)																
		Total Pending		Mean Age		Median Age		Total Disposed		Mean Age		Median Age												
District 1														0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	
	FEL	6	303.0	206.5	0	2	1	1	2	8	237.5	241.0	2	0	1	3	2							
	MIS	31	171.4	201.0	5	6	2	15	3	55	133.0	114.0	13	18	3	20	1							
	FEL	44	325.5	306.0	3	5	5	14	17	60	155.3	90.0	26	11	15	5	3							
	MIS	57	135.6	74.0	25	9	8	8	7	198	66.2	46.5	112	49	23	12	2							
	FEL	8	50.4	24.0	6	0	2	0	0	57	131.5	71.0	22	18	4	11	2							
	MIS	39	109.5	80.0	15	10	1	13	0	233	71.3	47.0	130	71	12	10	10							
	FEL	21	181.7	47.0	13	0	0	4	4	87	107.4	88.0	22	43	8	12	2							
	MIS	82	112.4	99.5	35	16	18	9	4	272	81.7	60.0	138	74	45	10	5							
	FEL	14	233.2	145.0	1	1	6	5	1	25	182.6	190.0	3	2	6	12	2							
	MIS	23	170.0	120.0	6	8	5	1	3	41	113.4	88.0	18	7	7	9	0							
	FEL	74	349.4	236.0	14	11	4	22	23	141	100.9	94.0	46	56	24	13	2							
	MIS	120	88.9	23.0	80	14	9	10	7	508	54.6	44.0	304	147	25	32	0							
	FEL	29	81.6	54.0	15	11	2	1	0	28	141.5	58.0	15	5	1	3	4							
	MIS	58	170.6	171.0	16	5	9	26	2	93	78.0	65.0	41	33	8	11	0							
	FEL	196	264.5	158.0	52	30	20	47	47	406	125.2	89.0	136	135	59	59	17							
	MIS	410	124.4	74.0	182	68	52	82	26	1,400	70.6	54.0	756	399	123	104	18							
District 2																								
	FEL	231	158.4	131.0	29	58	105	17	22	374	139.9	91.0	101	110	54	95	14							
	MIS	95	127.7	60.0	51	16	13	7	8	235	127.2	94.0	64	78	33	55	5							
	FEL	24	388.3	425.0	3	0	1	2	18	97	163.8	101.0	38	16	6	21	16							
	MIS	8	269.8	57.0	5	1	0	0	2	60	258.4	189.0	6	6	16	15	17							
	FEL	44	82.1	47.0	23	14	2	4	1	144	138.0	108.0	44	34	29	27	10							
	MIS	41	156.6	108.0	7	18	4	7	5	35	189.2	108.0	5	13	0	12	5							
	FEL	8	69.6	88.0	2	6	0	0	0	30	67.0	60.0	16	12	2	0	0							
	MIS	5	75.4	40.0	4	0	0	1	0	63	142.4	125.0	17	13	18	9	6							
	FEL	35	116.5	117.0	13	6	12	3	1	75	162.5	125.0	11	19	20	21	4							
	MIS	21	104.5	99.0	5	9	4	3	0	46	97.5	73.0	18	16	6	5	1							
	FEL	342	158.4	131.0	70	84	120	26	42	720	142.1	101.0	210	191	111	164	44							
	MIS	170	137.0	78.5	72	44	21	18	15	439	149.1	109.0	110	126	73	96	34							
District 3																								
	FEL	126	96.3	32.0	85	21	6	0	14	220	115.8	65.0	101	68	19	11	21							
	MIS	19	116.6	88.0	8	6	3	1	1	77	109.2	58.0	40	24	1	6	6							
	FEL	144	103.4	85.5	54	49	8	31	2	440	91.0	78.0	144	182	74	40	0							
	MIS	49	58.5	24.0	28	13	8	0	0	281	64.1	49.0	163	83	23	12	0							
	FEL	9	221.7	85.0	2	5	0	0	2	32	163.1	87.0	14	6	4	1	7							
	MIS	11	156.9	71.0	3	6	0	0	2	24	145.3	87.5	9	6	3	4	2							
	FEL	288	129.5	79.0	106	71	36	59	16	588	88.1	49.0	331	128	48	65	16							
	MIS	145	169.4	120.0	43	34	25	32	11	514	64.1	42.0	332	125	26	25	6							
	FEL	567	117.0	75.0	247	146	50	90	34	1,280	95.7	65.0	590	384	145	117	44							
	MIS	224	140.0	75.0	82	59	36	33	14	896	70.2	47.0	544	238	53	47	14							

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		0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				
District 4																		
	FEL	84	81.6	72.0	39	28	17	0	0	391	57.9	29.0	288	69	5	20	9	
	MIS	8	74.0	59.5	4	2	2	0	0	36	68.0	38.5	25	4	5	2	0	
	FEL	2	168.0	168.0	1	0	0	1	0	85	129.4	137.0	12	12	56	1	4	
	MIS	1	50.0	50.0	1	0	0	0	0	5	91.0	119.0	2	1	2	0	0	
	FEL	140	101.1	31.0	96	13	2	9	20	1,037	78.6	58.0	561	277	118	73	8	
	MIS	38	42.1	22.0	29	6	2	1	0	99	61.6	51.0	63	27	7	2	0	
	FEL	18	46.1	51.0	12	6	0	0	0	455	40.8	30.0	326	124	3	0	2	
	MIS	1	19.0	19.0	1	0	0	0	0	47	48.5	26.0	37	9	0	1	0	
	District Totals	244	90.9	53.0	148	47	19	10	20	1,968	67.9	48.0	1,187	482	182	94	23	
	MIS	48	47.1	31.0	35	8	4	1	0	187	60.3	49.0	127	41	14	5	0	
District 5																		
	FEL	333	106.8	89.0	102	154	36	38	3	1,826	67.0	49.0	1,190	457	121	35	23	
	MIS	111	79.3	60.0	57	21	29	4	0	591	62.4	48.0	374	151	48	13	5	
	FEL	17	64.3	72.0	7	10	0	0	0	89	97.5	68.0	39	29	5	11	5	
	MIS	12	150.1	29.0	8	2	0	1	1	64	171.3	115.0	23	12	14	6	9	
	District Totals	350	104.7	89.0	109	164	36	38	3	1,915	68.4	50.0	1,229	486	126	46	28	
	MIS	123	86.2	59.0	65	23	29	5	1	655	73.0	49.0	397	163	62	19	14	
District 6																		
	FEL	17	93.1	30.0	12	0	1	4	0	95	93.9	54.0	50	21	10	10	4	
	MIS	20	55.8	44.0	16	2	1	1	0	53	127.5	81.0	15	19	9	6	4	
	FEL	102	129.5	35.0	59	8	4	26	5	315	119.3	72.0	139	76	19	62	19	
	MIS	68	145.3	75.0	30	14	5	9	10	241	149.1	115.0	76	50	56	38	21	
	FEL	40	117.1	19.0	28	4	2	0	6	182	68.3	27.0	124	38	0	16	4	
	MIS	25	79.7	46.0	14	5	3	2	1	80	83.6	48.0	45	21	6	6	2	
	FEL	45	96.8	58.0	27	13	1	0	4	69	141.5	95.0	23	15	21	5	5	
	MIS	25	87.7	61.0	12	8	4	0	1	40	122.3	87.0	16	11	6	5	2	
	District Totals	204	116.8	34.5	126	25	8	30	15	661	103.9	58.0	336	150	50	93	32	
	MIS	138	110.0	56.0	72	29	13	12	12	414	131.1	88.0	152	101	77	55	29	
District 7																		
	FEL	53	203.1	23.0	33	7	2	0	11	303	56.4	50.0	193	93	12	5	0	
	MIS	41	107.9	59.0	21	9	3	6	2	212	72.4	50.0	125	53	22	8	4	
	FEL	38	124.2	9.0	22	1	4	6	5	325	76.9	53.0	192	60	45	24	4	
	MIS	27	115.7	71.0	13	4	6	2	2	232	91.5	46.0	133	59	11	18	11	
	FEL	80	264.4	131.0	15	20	12	8	25	304	121.3	84.0	108	105	27	51	13	
	MIS	39	212.5	134.0	5	11	8	6	9	166	81.8	49.0	99	41	12	11	3	
	District Totals	171	214.2	89.0	70	28	18	14	41	932	84.7	57.0	493	258	84	80	17	
	MIS	107	148.0	73.0	39	24	17	14	13	610	82.2	49.0	357	153	45	37	18	

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		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
<u>District 8</u>																	
Greene	FEL	63	131.4	46.0	32	0	17	3	11	92	61.7	50.0	47	25	15	5	0
	MIS	28	113.5	99.0	10	6	5	7	0	55	99.7	89.0	12	23	18	2	0
Lenoir	FEL	67	133.0	110.0	22	21	4	20	0	359	99.4	84.0	117	145	45	50	2
	MIS	95	61.1	47.0	56	29	7	3	0	439	85.2	60.0	220	112	50	52	5
Wayne	FEL	96	85.1	54.0	61	16	10	9	0	546	94.2	70.0	247	154	78	58	9
	MIS	95	83.7	67.0	47	32	4	11	1	364	99.8	85.0	120	148	54	36	6
District Totals		226	112.2	60.0	115	37	31	32	11	997	93.1	72.0	411	324	138	113	11
	MIS	218	77.7	56.5	113	67	16	21	1	858	92.3	74.0	352	283	122	90	11
<u>District 9</u>																	
Franklin	FEL	100	108.4	40.0	64	5	14	11	6	142	117.0	95.5	38	70	12	17	5
	MIS	105	168.2	67.0	49	20	7	17	12	197	132.9	86.0	62	55	36	38	6
Granville	FEL	139	354.9	45.0	74	16	7	5	37	252	113.1	77.0	99	75	44	25	9
	MIS	74	167.9	52.0	38	10	13	4	9	151	146.7	99.0	29	67	13	31	11
Person	FEL	67	141.3	86.0	25	16	7	15	4	219	141.6	104.0	45	78	30	60	6
	MIS	114	157.3	135.0	30	21	16	40	7	176	140.1	102.0	38	66	23	39	10
Vance	FEL	115	200.4	86.0	56	29	11	3	16	321	102.9	75.0	127	117	28	39	10
	MIS	73	184.2	110.0	20	19	11	9	14	206	133.0	89.5	53	89	28	27	9
Warren	FEL	38	334.7	395.0	2	0	4	12	20	76	158.1	147.5	19	12	20	21	4
	MIS	56	236.8	157.0	7	13	12	6	18	105	164.2	126.0	18	16	27	41	3
District Totals		459	229.6	67.0	221	66	43	46	83	1,010	120.0	84.0	328	352	134	162	34
	MIS	422	177.1	108.0	144	83	59	76	60	835	140.9	102.0	200	293	127	176	39
<u>District 10</u>																	
Wake	FEL	1,449	174.5	137.0	293	335	341	343	137	3,240	167.3	131.0	713	745	632	882	268
	MIS	807	126.2	94.0	226	260	117	182	22	1,854	113.8	78.0	758	470	238	328	60
<u>District 11</u>																	
Harnett	FEL	30	84.3	26.0	21	5	1	0	3	267	78.0	44.0	153	48	37	27	2
	MIS	9	31.1	24.0	8	1	0	0	0	104	71.4	46.0	65	20	9	8	2
Johnston	FEL	90	79.6	79.0	26	54	5	4	1	297	60.8	57.0	175	89	26	7	0
	MIS	35	70.8	60.0	20	12	2	1	0	144	63.1	41.0	99	35	4	4	2
Lee	FEL	105	117.1	60.0	66	23	2	8	6	303	70.5	51.0	175	92	21	8	7
	MIS	62	188.6	81.0	21	28	5	2	6	213	71.1	54.0	127	67	13	4	2
District Totals		225	97.7	60.0	113	82	8	12	10	867	69.5	51.0	503	229	84	42	9
	MIS	106	136.3	71.0	49	41	7	3	6	461	68.7	48.0	291	122	26	16	6
<u>District 12</u>																	
Cumberland	FEL	487	133.6	94.0	180	138	52	101	16	1,405	110.7	84.0	473	494	221	163	54
	MIS	138	94.5	79.0	52	64	6	15	1	545	83.9	69.0	248	180	59	51	7
Hoke	FEL	7	69.0	82.0	3	3	1	0	0	71	82.7	54.0	36	11	17	7	0
	MIS	12	67.8	65.0	5	5	2	0	0	61	81.5	54.0	33	12	9	7	0
District Totals		494	132.7	94.0	183	141	53	101	16	1,476	109.4	84.0	509	505	238	170	54
	MIS	150	92.4	79.0	57	69	8	15	1	606	83.7	67.5	281	192	68	58	7

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District 13																	
Bladen	FEL	99	102.8	87.0	27	31	39	1	1	157	119.8	83.0	65	36	17	33	6
	MIS	33	124.8	75.0	15	8	3	4	3	109	186.0	111.0	32	27	11	18	21
	FEL	106	336.4	166.0	12	33	9	21	31	205	361.7	182.0	18	57	27	30	73
	MIS	45	275.8	124.0	10	12	5	6	12	100	138.6	98.0	20	46	9	18	7
	FEL	41	190.1	124.0	14	6	10	2	9	453	145.8	133.0	91	127	88	132	15
Columbus	MIS	48	79.4	53.5	30	10	5	2	1	352	109.6	76.5	154	72	66	46	14
	District Totals	FEL	246	218.0	119.0	53	70	58	24	41	815	195.1	128.0	174	220	132	195
MIS	126	161.4	86.5	55	30	13	12	16	561	129.6	91.0	206	145	86	82	42	
District 14																	
Durham	FEL	598	168.5	117.0	177	166	55	136	64	1,492	126.2	100.0	413	476	262	297	44
	MIS	206	164.6	92.5	62	54	20	41	29	480	116.6	101.0	113	209	96	54	8
District 15A																	
Alamance	FEL	459	117.4	72.0	166	112	109	60	12	782	121.7	88.0	186	333	148	90	25
	MIS	95	207.9	99.0	28	27	11	15	14	366	99.7	85.0	126	136	64	36	4
District 15B																	
Chatham	FEL	53	73.1	40.0	39	9	0	3	2	95	89.9	70.0	41	26	15	12	1
	MIS	9	55.1	30.0	7	1	1	0	0	22	90.0	56.0	13	4	2	3	0
	FEL	90	85.1	57.5	58	11	10	8	3	446	71.7	51.0	257	111	38	34	6
	MIS	17	79.1	79.0	4	10	3	0	0	77	55.8	47.0	47	25	4	1	0
District Totals	FEL	143	80.7	54.0	97	20	10	11	5	541	74.9	52.0	298	137	53	46	7
	MIS	26	70.8	75.0	11	11	4	0	0	99	63.4	52.0	60	29	6	4	0
District 16																	
Robeson	FEL	177	95.9	46.0	100	34	11	22	10	1,065	85.3	71.0	425	406	158	68	8
	MIS	146	67.3	30.0	96	24	14	10	2	538	107.1	80.0	188	191	84	62	13
	FEL	128	298.9	123.0	41	21	26	12	28	256	229.3	153.0	42	47	51	76	40
	MIS	159	471.3	268.0	17	15	28	40	59	253	219.1	139.0	70	50	24	63	46
District Totals	FEL	305	181.1	79.0	141	55	37	34	38	1,321	113.2	80.0	467	453	209	144	48
	MIS	305	277.9	121.0	113	39	42	50	61	791	142.9	85.0	258	241	108	125	59
District 17A																	
Caswell	FEL	1	24.0	24.0	1	0	0	0	0	117	53.1	41.0	72	38	5	2	0
	MIS	4	39.0	39.0	4	0	0	0	0	118	70.6	54.0	63	30	23	2	0
	FEL	138	89.4	30.0	94	22	8	5	9	693	63.9	48.0	438	181	46	20	8
Rockingham	MIS	108	119.9	47.0	57	24	11	6	10	650	59.6	47.0	435	143	60	11	1
	District Totals	FEL	139	88.9	30.0	95	22	8	5	810	62.3	48.0	510	219	51	22	8
MIS	112	117.0	40.0	61	24	11	6	10	768	61.3	47.0	498	173	83	13	1	

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District 17B																	
Stokes	FEL	18	35.6	23.5	14	4	0	0	0	223	90.9	53.0	126	34	27	33	3
	MIS	49	69.3	64.0	23	14	12	0	0	157	101.6	66.0	72	36	20	27	2
	FEL	127	73.8	32.0	76	42	3	2	4	418	120.1	70.0	168	121	39	68	22
Surry	MIS	79	53.1	53.0	44	30	4	1	0	489	80.8	63.0	183	246	28	22	10
	District Totals	145	69.1	32.0	90	46	3	2	4	641	109.9	69.0	294	155	66	101	25
	MIS	128	59.3	53.5	67	44	16	1	0	646	85.9	63.0	255	282	48	49	12
District 18																	
Guilford																	
Greensboro	FEL	894	202.9	133.0	249	161	183	185	116	2,432	138.9	99.0	685	756	382	410	199
	MIS	216	178.8	111.0	62	50	31	49	24	614	96.3	74.0	208	251	86	59	10
	FEL	429	188.0	151.0	134	56	61	136	42	634	115.2	94.5	152	237	167	61	17
High Point	MIS	138	141.6	54.0	72	17	19	10	20	130	98.2	87.0	36	52	29	12	1
	District Totals	1,323	198.1	136.0	383	217	244	321	158	3,066	134.0	98.0	837	993	549	471	216
	MIS	354	164.3	92.5	134	67	50	59	44	744	96.6	74.0	244	303	115	71	11
District 19A																	
Cabarrus	FEL	215	194.7	110.0	63	46	50	27	29	621	135.7	102.0	151	221	130	82	37
	MIS	272	238.3	118.5	79	57	41	34	61	628	102.4	85.0	185	277	78	78	10
	FEL	131	69.2	45.0	79	38	6	3	5	532	95.0	55.0	289	137	39	56	11
Rowan	MIS	132	84.9	47.0	73	23	11	23	2	549	90.3	50.0	322	110	54	44	19
	District Totals	346	147.2	77.0	142	84	56	30	34	1,153	116.9	82.0	440	358	169	138	48
	MIS	404	188.2	95.0	152	80	52	57	63	1,177	96.8	68.0	507	387	132	122	29
District 19B																	
Montgomery	FEL	220	166.1	152.0	27	0	167	13	13	165	213.6	104.0	42	42	23	32	26
	MIS	91	110.9	58.0	63	0	11	5	12	288	158.7	93.0	92	100	33	34	29
	FEL	324	283.9	135.0	63	75	95	23	68	531	218.8	156.0	49	121	151	158	52
Randolph	MIS	381	129.0	57.0	202	55	35	54	35	717	121.3	88.0	239	233	125	91	29
	District Totals	544	236.3	152.0	90	75	262	36	81	696	217.6	155.0	91	163	174	190	78
	MIS	472	125.5	58.0	265	55	46	59	47	1,005	132.0	91.0	331	333	158	125	58
District 20																	
Anson	FEL	64	127.1	51.0	35	11	1	8	9	225	117.1	84.0	45	94	56	26	4
	MIS	144	158.0	135.0	37	23	43	28	13	205	112.1	98.0	60	70	46	26	3
	FEL	60	128.6	69.5	29	16	1	8	6	476	139.6	54.0	256	144	37	21	18
Moore	MIS	62	100.2	34.5	43	7	3	4	5	329	76.7	56.0	174	94	33	27	1
	FEL	196	64.5	40.0	178	6	6	2	4	468	75.7	60.0	249	131	63	21	4
Richmond	MIS	60	82.2	30.5	44	3	8	3	2	392	90.4	69.0	156	140	58	36	2
	FEL	61	89.0	54.0	39	16	3	1	2	390	78.7	58.0	201	142	27	13	7
Stanly	MIS	56	98.4	76.5	21	22	11	0	2	275	128.1	98.0	55	119	58	36	7
	FEL	171	97.1	79.0	48	94	9	13	7	346	69.6	53.0	231	69	27	15	4
Union	MIS	103	81.1	59.0	53	32	8	9	1	442	66.9	48.0	292	103	22	21	4
	District Totals	552	91.5	51.0	329	143	20	32	28	1,905	96.1	59.0	982	580	210	96	37
	MIS	425	112.4	73.0	198	87	73	44	23	1,643	90.4	64.0	737	526	217	146	17

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District 21		FEL	431	45.1	40.0	327	85	6	13	0	2,188	80.7	55.0	1,226	623	151	148	40
		MIS	211	54.0	36.0	155	44	2	9	1	2,179	67.2	42.0	1,523	400	99	118	39
District 22		FEL	28	126.2	109.0	2	19	2	5	0	60	123.9	96.0	14	26	3	15	2
		MIS	13	228.1	285.0	2	4	0	5	2	114	105.3	70.0	36	58	7	10	3
Davidson		FEL	100	117.6	64.0	48	29	5	6	12	287	131.7	99.0	115	73	34	40	25
		MIS	83	87.7	37.0	45	17	12	4	5	419	54.9	28.0	296	88	17	15	3
Davie		FEL	19	70.2	54.0	11	8	0	0	0	42	85.8	79.0	12	21	7	2	0
		MIS	35	75.3	81.0	13	18	3	1	0	112	78.6	56.0	62	32	12	5	1
Iredell		FEL	159	139.1	113.0	36	73	16	22	12	370	132.5	104.0	112	102	59	87	10
		MIS	95	89.5	67.0	44	39	2	7	3	370	80.3	48.0	216	83	24	45	2
District Totals		FEL	306	126.6	103.0	97	129	23	33	24	759	128.9	98.0	253	222	103	144	37
		MIS	226	94.6	74.0	104	78	17	17	10	1,015	72.4	48.0	610	261	60	75	9
District 23		FEL	56	100.4	59.0	36	9	1	8	2	27	169.5	125.0	7	5	7	5	3
		MIS	8	162.6	186.0	2	1	1	4	0	17	64.1	34.0	10	6	0	1	0
Ashe		FEL	38	150.8	80.0	12	14	6	2	4	41	161.3	69.0	17	11	0	7	6
		MIS	51	277.8	184.0	2	9	13	16	11	47	162.7	153.0	10	9	10	17	1
Wilkes		FEL	71	268.3	120.0	25	14	3	14	15	163	141.1	97.0	57	38	32	25	11
		MIS	148	208.4	105.5	62	31	19	19	17	320	114.7	85.5	125	99	45	35	16
Yadkin		FEL	86	144.4	101.0	15	31	31	2	7	95	100.5	105.0	23	39	30	2	1
		MIS	55	120.9	108.0	17	16	12	9	1	175	74.8	66.0	78	62	31	2	2
District Totals		FEL	251	170.6	94.0	88	68	41	26	28	326	134.2	97.0	104	93	69	39	21
		MIS	262	202.1	120.0	83	57	45	48	29	559	104.7	75.0	223	176	86	55	19
District 24		FEL	38	379.9	198.5	1	11	2	8	16	77	137.5	80.0	29	17	17	10	4
		MIS	8	398.1	155.0	0	3	2	1	2	19	85.1	68.0	9	7	2	0	1
Madison		FEL	51	279.4	304.0	6	0	2	28	15	83	106.6	84.0	27	37	9	4	6
		MIS	12	385.8	67.5	5	2	0	0	5	10	160.8	151.0	3	1	2	4	0
Mitchell		FEL	27	125.2	57.0	16	4	2	3	2	43	237.6	166.0	8	1	16	10	8
		MIS	4	283.0	278.0	0	0	1	2	1	11	139.1	129.0	4	1	3	2	1
Watauga		FEL	180	68.3	47.0	134	34	7	4	1	203	119.3	89.0	72	71	33	18	9
		MIS	9	111.8	106.0	3	2	3	1	0	33	120.4	58.0	17	9	4	0	3
Yancey		FEL	39	192.9	144.0	5	0	22	9	3	16	59.6	24.5	12	0	2	2	0
		MIS	28	213.8	78.0	9	6	1	7	5	20	203.2	135.0	4	3	7	3	3
District Totals		FEL	335	154.9	75.0	162	49	35	52	37	422	129.9	87.0	148	126	77	44	27
		MIS	61	261.3	135.0	17	13	7	11	13	93	137.6	76.0	37	21	18	9	8

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District 25																	
Caldwell	FEL	109	145.6	88.0	47	24	23	5	10	434	184.8	145.0	86	91	98	89	70
	MIS	116	149.2	99.0	37	41	5	24	9	264	146.4	105.0	76	71	44	53	20
	FEL	176	150.6	86.0	48	59	38	12	19	488	119.1	110.0	80	187	158	60	3
	MIS	66	107.3	110.0	20	34	5	4	3	194	82.1	66.0	84	83	16	9	2
Catawba	FEL	206	83.8	73.0	88	89	5	18	6	638	145.0	100.0	140	231	148	83	36
	MIS	127	94.5	44.0	75	33	4	4	11	432	111.1	101.0	103	214	70	34	11
District Totals		FEL	491	121.5	74.0	183	172	66	35	1,560	148.0	113.5	306	509	404	232	109
	MIS	309	117.8	75.0	132	108	14	32	23	890	115.2	92.0	263	368	130	96	33
District 26																	
Mecklenburg	FEL	1,269	194.4	108.0	414	247	227	211	170	2,915	176.6	137.0	435	791	627	831	231
	MIS	420	240.5	74.0	190	114	20	29	67	884	98.3	62.5	424	283	103	45	29
District 27A																	
Gaston	FEL	241	99.2	89.0	87	105	34	10	5	1,057	86.4	67.0	447	385	128	79	18
	MIS	189	95.1	64.0	91	55	22	9	12	515	72.5	41.0	333	93	45	33	11
District 27B																	
Cleveland	FEL	127	95.9	64.0	62	29	27	6	3	354	80.2	63.0	169	127	38	16	4
	MIS	89	91.8	65.0	43	32	7	4	3	204	66.8	49.5	133	51	11	6	3
	FEL	39	113.3	101.0	12	8	14	5	0	270	160.2	136.0	57	74	14	125	0
	MIS	60	101.7	66.0	28	20	4	2	6	90	76.9	62.0	41	31	9	9	0
District Totals		FEL	166	100.0	74.0	74	37	41	11	624	114.8	77.0	226	201	52	141	4
	MIS	149	95.8	65.0	71	52	11	6	9	294	69.9	52.0	174	82	20	15	3
District 28																	
Buncombe	FEL	334	161.4	85.0	102	123	30	41	38	1,016	112.4	88.0	284	441	178	86	27
	MIS	87	177.4	65.0	39	19	11	4	14	308	83.3	54.0	166	89	26	22	5
District 29																	
Henderson	FEL	191	170.1	87.0	79	40	39	17	16	443	95.4	72.0	170	190	31	34	18
	MIS	83	151.6	80.0	39	19	7	14	4	114	131.2	74.0	44	36	11	14	9
	FEL	34	127.9	30.0	20	2	1	8	3	210	150.0	77.0	73	53	28	41	15
	MIS	32	62.2	34.5	17	11	2	2	0	121	76.4	55.0	66	34	11	10	0
Polk	FEL	19	210.9	158.0	0	2	10	7	0	65	289.0	173.0	12	12	13	11	17
	MIS	11	356.1	129.0	5	0	3	0	3	28	186.3	156.0	6	7	4	9	2
Rutherford	FEL	123	99.2	54.0	63	32	13	7	8	527	121.5	64.0	173	191	86	49	28
	MIS	76	99.3	66.0	34	21	10	10	1	258	103.5	83.0	108	59	53	29	9
Transylvania	FEL	43	209.8	103.0	3	20	12	1	7	104	187.4	101.0	30	38	10	19	7
	MIS	21	154.0	198.0	7	3	0	11	0	62	273.6	74.5	24	17	4	8	9
District Totals		FEL	410	151.4	87.0	165	96	75	34	1,349	130.5	74.0	458	484	168	154	85
	MIS	223	131.3	74.0	102	54	22	37	8	583	125.4	72.0	248	153	83	70	29

# AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

AGES OF CASES PENDING 6/30/84 AND AGES OF CASES DISPOSED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983-84

		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age		Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Total Pending	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365		Age	Age		0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 30															
Cherokee	FEL	60	174.7	73.0	3	26	4	14	8	85	122.9	104.0	3	21	2
	MIS	30	194.0	137.5	11	3	5	5	6	119	165.3	161.0	3	50	5
Clay	FEL	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	332.7	328.0	0	3	4
	MIS	12	63.1	61.0	6	5	1	0	0	28	141.2	131.0	4	9	1
Graham	FEL	30	67.7	36.0	24	0	2	3	1	38	218.4	171.5	7	10	4
	MIS	12	232.5	251.0	4	1	0	4	3	16	316.6	251.5	0	3	5
Haywood	FEL	222	216.6	110.0	61	59	25	48	29	386	247.0	81.0	128	95	41
	MIS	129	183.0	129.0	30	26	26	32	15	190	188.3	148.5	35	47	16
Jackson	FEL	70	99.0	36.0	37	7	13	13	0	117	204.5	170.0	25	13	13
	MIS	17	119.5	93.0	6	5	3	2	1	68	168.3	155.0	18	9	7
Macon	FEL	40	336.8	150.5	11	5	10	9	5	112	205.0	111.0	28	38	12
	MIS	17	228.9	74.0	8	3	2	1	3	40	332.4	116.0	7	4	9
Swain	FEL	17	266.2	277.0	5	1	0	8	3	40	52.0	53.0	20	14	0
	MIS	18	261.8	304.0	4	2	0	8	4	35	160.7	117.0	6	14	3
District Totals	FEL	439	194.8	96.0	146	98	54	95	46	788	211.1	107.0	211	221	76
	MIS	235	185.6	124.0	69	45	37	52	32	496	191.2	148.0	79	139	46
State Totals	FEL	14,400	156.5	89.0	5,355	3,404	2,241	2,047	1,353	41,698	120.8	80.0	15,435	12,424	1,886
	MIS	7,948	145.1	78.0	3,335	1,932	925	1,060	696	25,311	97.5	65.0	11,740	7,410	722

## **PART IV, Section 2**

### **District Court Division Caseflow Data**



## The District Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseload in 1983-84 of cases filed and disposed of in the State's district courts, including those handled by magistrates.

When the plaintiff in a civil case requests, and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$1,000, the case may be classified as a "small claim" civil action and assigned to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates also have certain criminal case jurisdiction. They may accept written appearance and waiver of trial, with plea of guilty, and enter judgment in accord with the schedule of fines promulgated by chief district judges for traffic offenses; and effective July 1, 1984, for boating, hunting and fishing offenses. Also, magistrates may accept guilty pleas in other misdemeanor cases where the sentence cannot be in excess of 30 days or \$50 fine; and may hear and enter judgment in worthless check cases where the amount involved is \$500 or less, and any prison sentence imposed does not exceed 30 days.

Appeals from magistrates' judgments in both civil and criminal cases are to the district court, with a district court judge presiding.

This section contains data on three major case classifications in the district court division: civil cases, juvenile proceedings, and criminal cases. Civil cases include cases assigned to magistrates (small claims as defined above), domestic relations cases (chiefly concerned with annulments, divorces, alimony, custody and support of children), and "general civil" cases. Juvenile proceedings are classified in accordance with the nature of the offense or condition alleged in the petition which initiates the case. District court criminal cases are divided into motor vehicle cases (where the offense charged is defined in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes) and non-motor criminal cases.

Consistent with previous years, the pie charts on the following page illustrate that district court criminal cases filed and disposed of in the 1983-84 year greatly outnumbered civil cases. Motor vehicle criminal cases accounted for fifty-three per cent of total filings and dispositions, and the non-motor vehicle criminal cases accounted for about twenty-six per cent. As in past years, the greatest portion of district court civil filings and dispositions were small claims referred to magistrates.

The large volume categories of criminal motor-vehicle and civil magistrate cases are not reported to AOC by case file numbers. Therefore, it is not possible to obtain, by computer processing, the numbers of pending cases as of a given date or the ages of cases pending and ages of cases at disposition. These categories of cases are processed through the courts faster than any others, thus explaining the decision not to allocate personnel and computer resource to reporting these cases in the detail that is provided for other categories of cases.

Also, juvenile proceedings and hearings on commitment or recommitment of persons to the State's mental hospital facilities are not reported to AOC by case file numbers.

Two tables are provided on juvenile proceedings: offenses and conditions alleged, and numbers of adjudicatory hearings held.

Data on district court hearings for mental hospital commitments and recommitments is reported in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

Ages of district court cases pending on June 30, 1984, and ages of cases disposed of during 1983-84 are reported for the general civil and domestic relations and for the criminal non-motor vehicle case categories.

The table for general civil and domestic relations cases shows that the median age of such cases which were pending on June 30, 1984, was 156 days, compared with a median age of 150 days for cases pending on June 30, 1983. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1983-84 was 64.5 days, compared with a median age of 68 days at the time of disposition during 1982-83.

For district court non-motor vehicle criminal cases, the median age for cases pending on June 30, 1984, was 44 days compared with a median age of 59 days for cases pending on June 30, 1983. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1983-84 was 26 days compared with a median age of 24 days at the time of disposition during 1982-83.

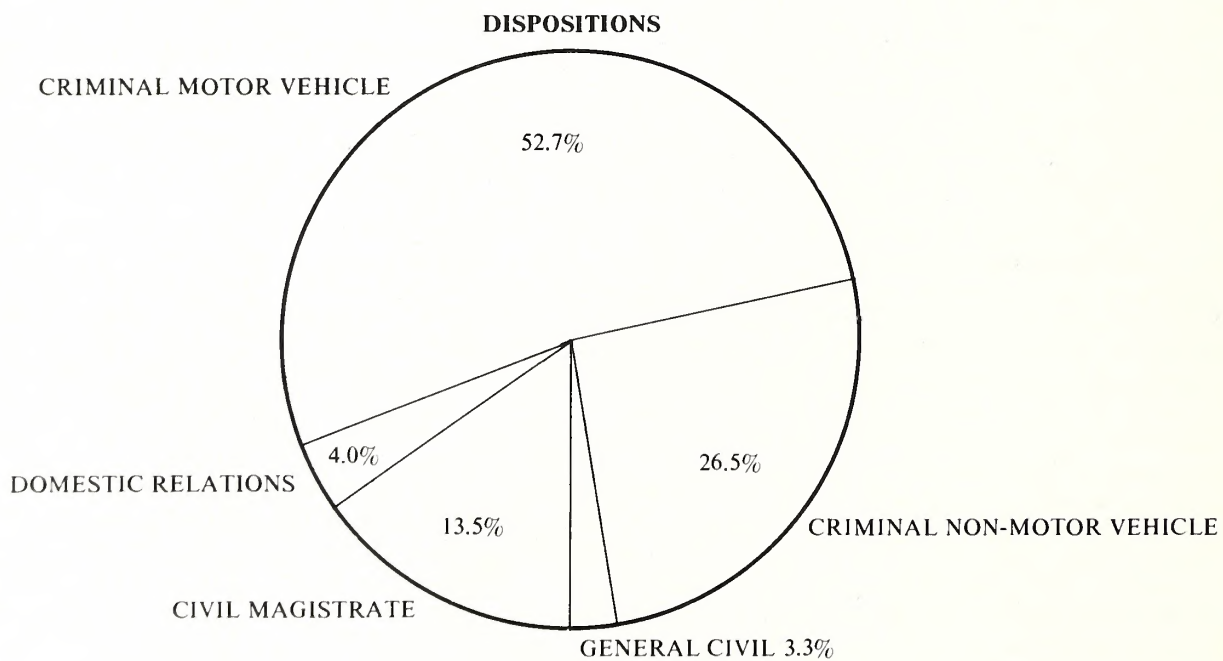
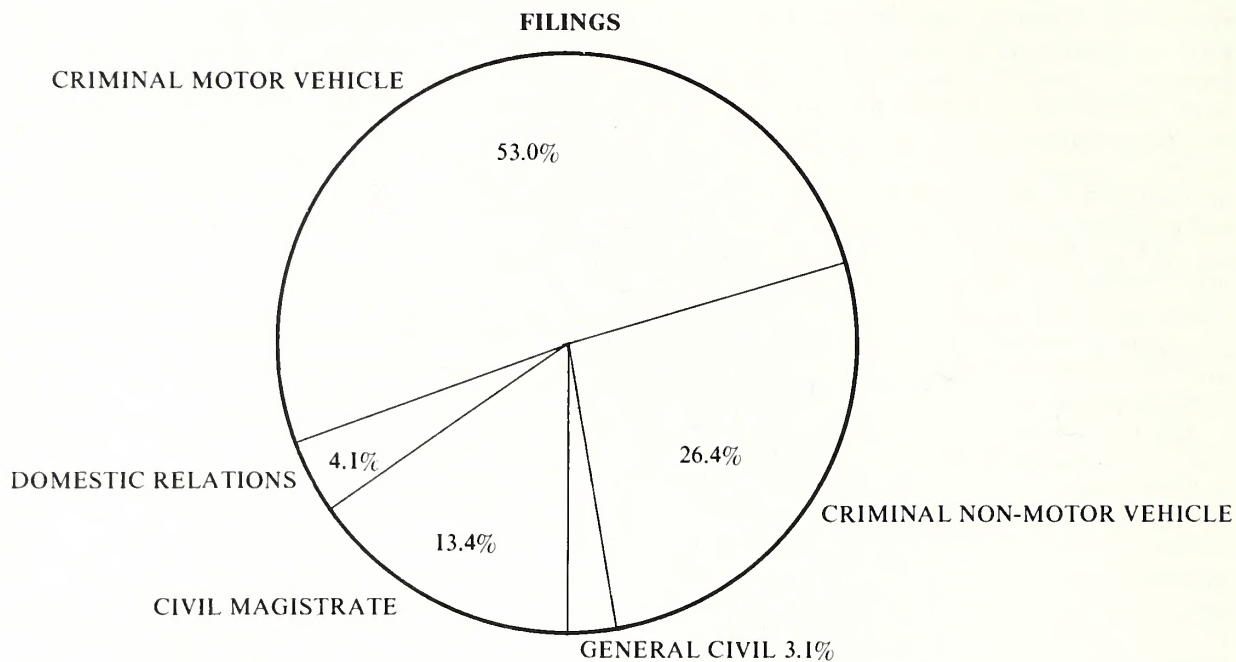
The Statewide total district court filings during 1983-84, not including juvenile cases and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,450,179 cases, compared with 1,445,571 during 1982-83, an increase of 4,608 (0.2%). All of this increase came in the motor vehicle criminal case category where filings in 1982-83 amounted to 728,517 cases compared to 768,403 cases filed in 1983-84, an increase of 39,886 (5.5%) cases. On the other hand, there was a decrease of 19,735 cases (4.9%) in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category.

There also was a decrease (5.5%) in district court civil case filings, from a total of 316,539 in 1982-83 to 298,996 in 1983-84. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 206,163 cases in 1982-83 to 194,321 cases in 1983-84. In the domestic relations category, there was a small decrease of 248 cases in 1983-84 compared to the number in 1982-83.

The changes from year-to-year in the individual case categories are not unusual. The over-all trend for total district court case filings over the past several years has been upward. This upward trend is reflected in the total 1983-84 district court case filings.

## FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1983-84

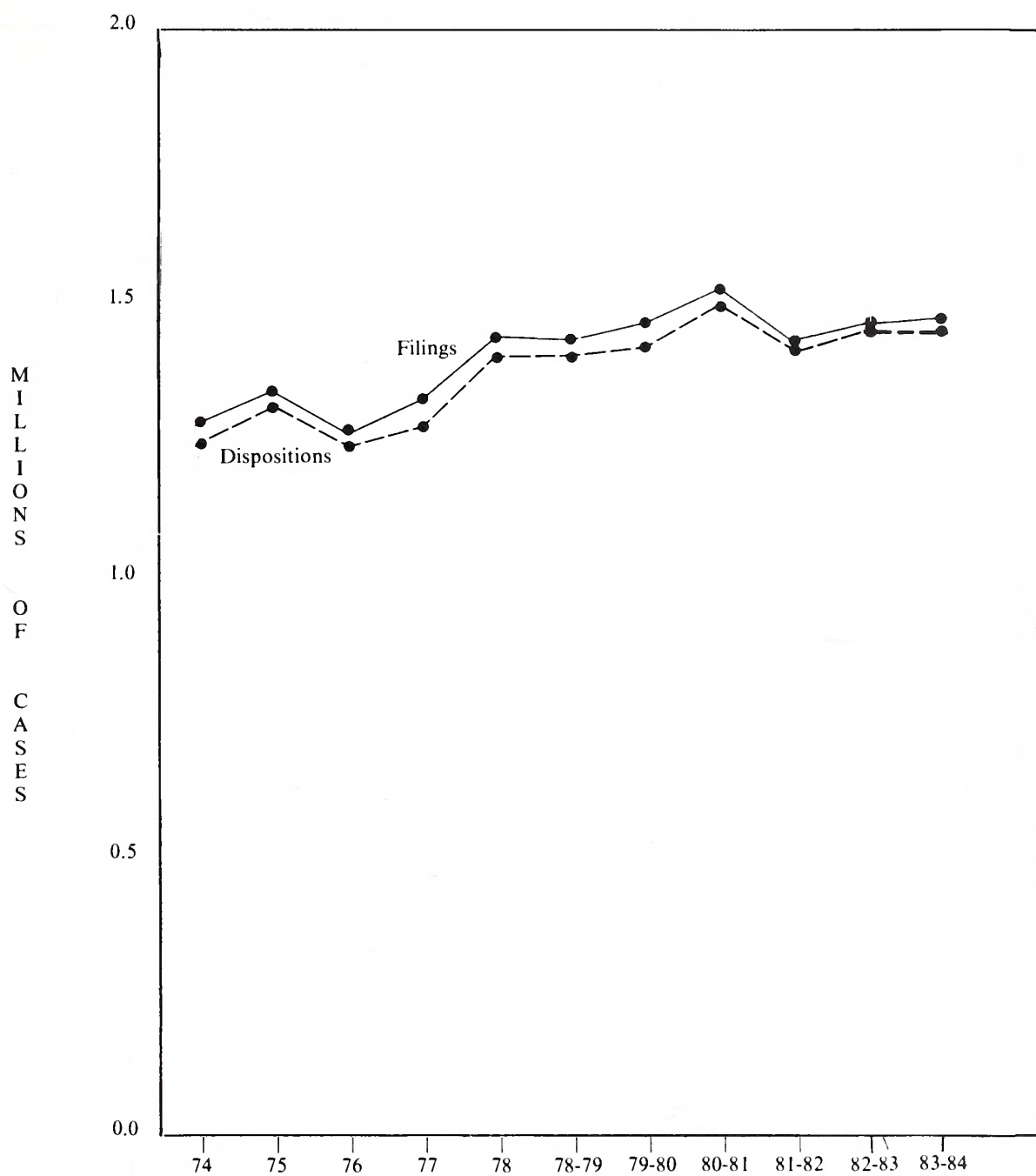


Criminal cases, both motor vehicle and non-motor vehicle, dominate the district court caseload; 79.4% of all

district court filings and 79.2% of all district court dispositions during fiscal year 1983-84 were criminal cases.

## FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1974 — 1983-84

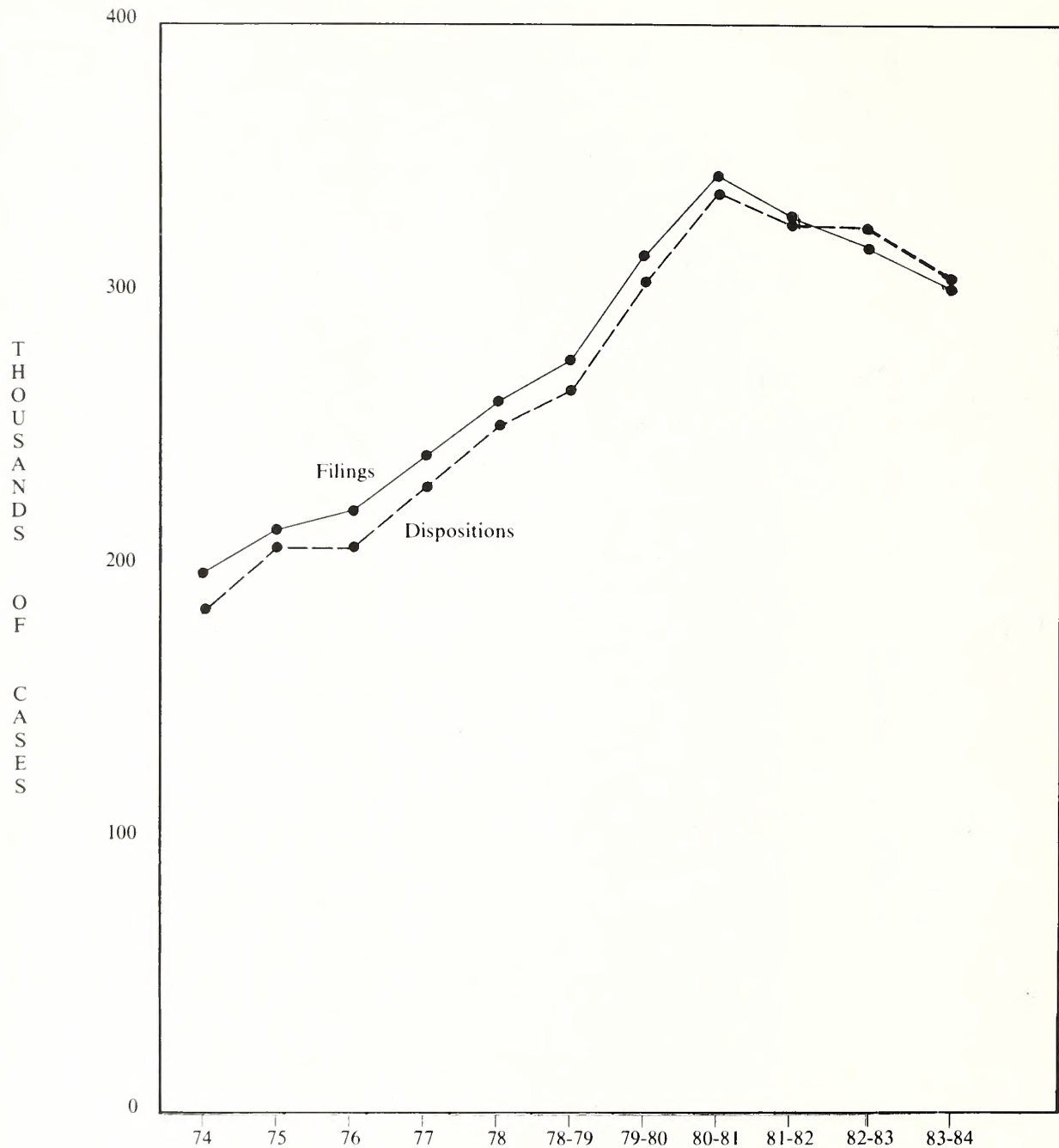


All civil and criminal case filings and dispositions for the last decade, including traffic offenses and civil magistrate cases, are included in the above graph. The increase in

filings and dispositions for fiscal year 1983-84 is due to a 5.5% increase in filings and a 5.8% increase in dispositions for motor vehicle cases.

## FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CIVIL DISTRICT COURT CASES

1974 — 1983-84

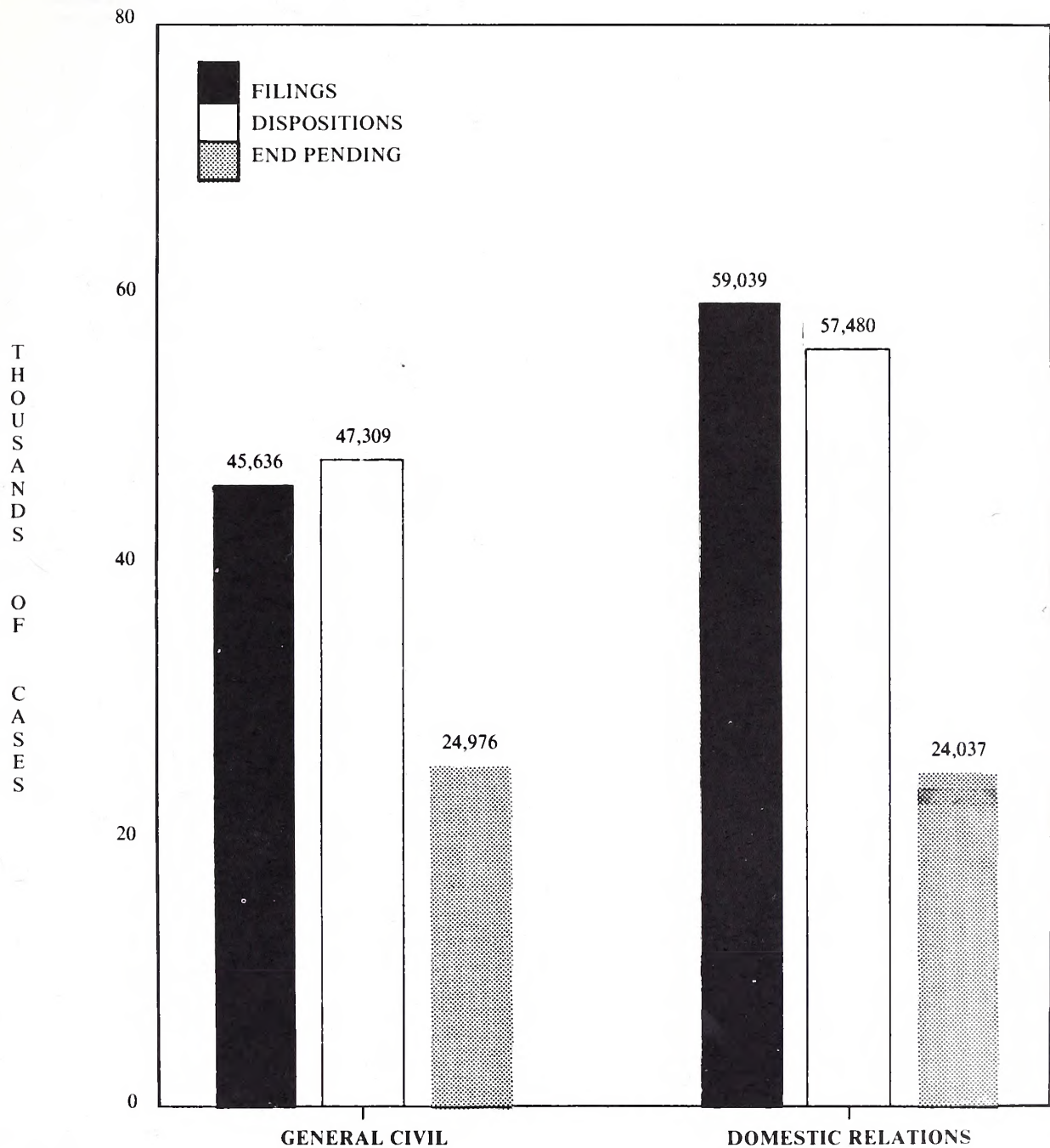


District court civil filings and dispositions have been declining for the last three years in contrast to the previous upward trend. During year 1983-84, general civil filings

decreased by 10.7%, domestic relations filings decreased by 0.4%, and civil magistrate filings decreased by 5.8%.

# GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1983-1984



General civil case dispositions exceeded filings by 1,673, producing a decrease by the same number in cases pending at the end of the year. Domestic relations filings

exceeded dispositions by 1,559, resulting in the same increase in the number of such cases pending at year end.

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/83	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 1</u>								
Camden	13	42	11	31	55	37	67.3	18
Chowan	152	194	67	127	346	236	68.2	110
Currituck	66	149	48	101	215	160	74.4	55
Dare	143	267	126	141	410	268	65.4	142
Gates	40	75	19	56	115	82	71.3	33
Pasquotank	239	440	155	285	679	472	69.5	207
Perquimans	42	111	31	80	153	97	63.4	56
District Totals	695	1,278	457	821	1,973	1,352	68.5	621
<u>District 2</u>								
Beaufort	240	555	174	381	795	508	63.9	287
Hyde	33	73	18	55	106	56	52.8	50
Martin	189	362	76	286	551	377	68.4	174
Tyrrell	26	36	19	17	62	49	79.0	13
Washington	92	256	64	192	348	286	82.2	62
District Totals	580	1,282	351	931	1,862	1,276	68.5	586
<u>District 3</u>								
Carteret	405	759	282	477	1,164	670	57.6	494
Craven	713	1,648	691	957	2,361	1,504	63.7	857
Pamlico	80	118	28	90	198	103	52.0	95
Pitt	736	1,184	495	689	1,920	1,337	69.6	583
District Totals	1,934	3,709	1,496	2,213	5,643	3,614	64.0	2,029
<u>District 4</u>								
Duplin	250	491	198	293	741	525	70.8	216
Jones	71	109	28	81	180	100	55.6	80
Onslow	1,105	1,842	651	1,191	2,947	1,628	55.2	1,319
Sampson	308	717	297	420	1,025	786	76.7	239
District Totals	1,734	3,159	1,174	1,985	4,893	3,039	62.1	1,854
<u>District 5</u>								
New Hanover	2,073	3,122	1,844	1,278	5,195	3,021	58.2	2,174
Pender	214	403	145	258	617	351	56.9	266
District Totals	2,287	3,525	1,989	1,536	5,812	3,372	58.0	2,440
<u>District 6</u>								
Bertie	98	302	72	230	400	302	75.5	98
Halifax	162	994	187	807	1,156	834	72.1	322
Hertford	167	495	248	247	662	482	72.8	180
Northampton	81	293	43	250	374	301	80.5	73
District Totals	508	2,084	550	1,534	2,592	1,919	74.0	673
<u>District 7</u>								
Edgecombe	627	950	258	692	1,577	869	55.1	708
Nash	685	1,062	358	704	1,747	1,081	61.9	666
Wilson	677	1,231	400	831	1,908	1,103	57.8	805
District Totals	1,989	3,243	1,016	2,227	5,232	3,053	58.4	2,179
<u>District 8</u>								
Greene	39	110	17	93	149	121	81.2	28
Lenoir	537	1,227	407	820	1,764	1,301	73.8	463
Wayne	1,076	1,906	787	1,119	2,982	2,192	73.5	790
District Totals	1,652	3,243	1,211	2,032	4,895	3,614	73.8	1,281

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/83		General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
		Total						
District 9								
Franklin	170	327	237	90	497	342	68.8	155
Granville	155	361	128	233	516	345	66.9	171
Person	151	401	163	238	552	387	70.1	165
Vance	210	514	97	417	724	508	70.2	216
Warren	74	414	88	326	488	408	83.6	80
District Totals	760	2,017	713	1,304	2,777	1,990	71.7	787
District 10								
Wake	3,867	7,479	4,782	2,697	11,346	7,858	69.2	3,488
District 11								
Harnett	326	976	505	471	1,302	994	76.3	308
Johnston	474	1,713	987	726	2,187	1,655	75.7	532
Lee	405	1,059	721	338	1,464	1,049	71.6	415
District Totals	1,205	3,748	2,213	1,535	4,953	3,698	74.7	1,255
District 12								
Cumberland	3,204	5,025	1,211	3,814	8,229	5,164	62.8	3,065
Hoke	111	288	104	184	399	306	76.7	93
District Totals	3,315	5,313	1,315	3,998	8,628	5,470	63.4	3,158
District 13								
Bladen	128	507	302	205	635	494	77.8	141
Brunswick	330	828	465	363	1,158	691	59.7	467
Columbus	470	1,014	388	626	1,484	1,057	71.2	427
District Totals	928	2,349	1,155	1,194	3,277	2,242	68.4	1,035
District 14								
Durham	1,504	2,929	1,256	1,673	4,433	2,553	57.6	1,880
District 15A								
Alamance	418	1,624	609	1,015	2,042	1,599	78.3	443
District 15B								
Chatham	168	333	108	225	501	284	56.7	217
Orange	607	866	447	419	1,473	741	50.3	732
District Totals	775	1,199	555	644	1,974	1,025	51.9	949
District 16								
Robeson	951	2,114	1,105	1,009	3,065	2,172	70.8	893
Scotland	261	440	122	318	701	528	75.3	173
District Totals	1,212	2,554	1,227	1,327	3,766	2,700	71.7	1,066
District 17A								
Caswell	94	219	51	168	313	223	71.2	90
Rockingham	374	1,175	343	832	1,549	1,187	76.6	362
District Totals	468	1,394	394	1,000	1,862	1,410	75.7	452
District 17B								
Stokes	96	253	86	167	349	243	69.6	106
Surry	399	816	333	483	1,215	904	74.4	311
District Totals	495	1,069	419	650	1,564	1,147	73.3	417
District 18								
Guilford	3,159	7,286	3,762	3,524	10,445	7,505	71.8	2,940

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
<u>District 19A</u>								
Cabarrus	748	1,322	472	850	2,070	1,348	65.1	722
Rowan	368	1,268	457	811	1,636	1,100	67.2	536
District Totals	1,116	2,590	929	1,661	3,706	2,448	66.0	1,258
<u>District 19B</u>								
Montgomery	139	310	262	48	449	235	52.3	214
Randolph	281	942	307	635	1,223	922	75.4	301
District Totals	420	1,252	569	683	1,672	1,157	69.2	515
<u>District 20</u>								
Anson	190	334	100	234	524	389	74.2	135
Moore	454	763	361	402	1,217	720	59.2	497
Richmond	640	643	215	428	1,283	481	37.5	802
Stanly	313	653	286	367	966	557	57.7	409
Union	455	942	371	571	1,397	846	60.6	551
District Totals	2,052	3,335	1,333	2,002	5,387	2,993	55.6	2,394
<u>District 21</u>								
Forsyth	2,263	5,560	2,908	2,652	7,823	5,634	72.0	2,189
<u>District 22</u>								
Alexander	69	227	48	179	296	215	72.6	.81
Davidson	484	1,270	443	827	1,754	1,398	79.7	356
Davie	176	257	83	174	433	221	51.0	212
Iredell	513	1,196	594	602	1,709	1,243	72.7	466
District Totals	1,242	2,950	1,168	1,782	4,192	3,077	73.4	1,115
<u>District 23</u>								
Alleghany	50	134	55	79	184	141	76.6	43
Ashe	85	240	96	144	325	251	77.2	74
Wilkes	288	1,181	773	408	1,469	1,154	78.6	315
Yadkin	118	290	96	194	408	290	71.1	118
District Totals	541	1,845	1,020	825	2,386	1,836	76.9	550
<u>District 24</u>								
Avery	117	215	98	117	332	210	63.2	122
Madison	71	166	69	97	237	162	68.4	75
Mitchell	60	160	70	90	220	173	78.6	47
Watauga	222	488	265	223	710	490	69.0	220
Yancey	64	126	50	76	190	130	68.4	60
District Totals	534	1,155	552	603	1,689	1,165	69.0	524
<u>District 25</u>								
Burke	515	998	456	542	1,513	1,133	74.9	380
Caldwell	579	1,048	470	578	1,627	1,100	67.6	527
Catawba	835	1,931	744	1,187	2,766	1,880	67.9	886
District Totals	1,929	3,977	1,670	2,307	5,906	4,113	69.6	1,793
<u>District 26</u>								
Mecklenburg	4,515	10,702	5,482	5,220	15,217	11,183	73.5	4,034
<u>District 27A</u>								
Gaston	1,073	2,503	628	1,875	3,576	2,584	72.2	992

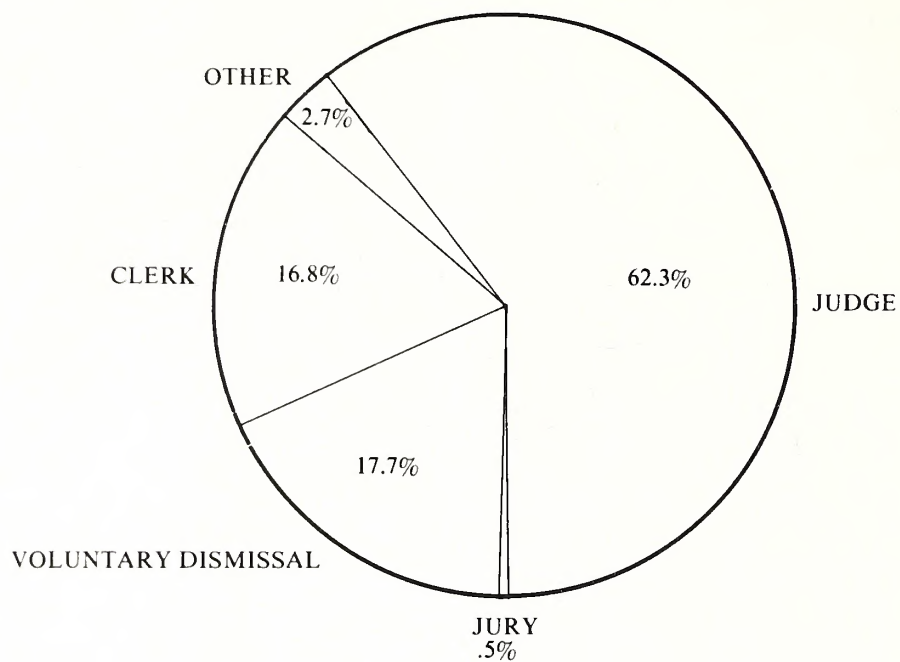
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July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
<u>District 27B</u>								
Cleveland	347	1,001	304	697	1,348	897	66.5	451
Lincoln	168	502	142	360	670	550	82.1	120
District Totals	515	1,503	446	1,057	2,018	1,447	71.7	571
<u>District 28</u>								
Buncombe	1,207	2,848	1,082	1,766	4,055	3,052	75.2	1,003
<u>District 29</u>								
Henderson	619	789	242	547	1,408	662	47.0	746
McDowell	135	431	125	306	566	389	68.7	177
Polk	55	117	32	85	172	135	78.5	37
Rutherford	252	562	153	409	814	527	64.7	287
Transylvania	170	330	120	210	500	295	59.0	205
District Totals	1,231	2,229	672	1,557	3,460	2,008	58.0	1,452
<u>District 30</u>								
Cherokee	163	202	12	190	365	199	54.5	166
Clay	29	58	0	58	87	64	73.6	23
Graham	37	80	16	64	117	77	65.8	40
Haywood	369	693	246	447	1,062	639	60.1	423
Jackson	156	295	100	195	451	321	71.2	130
Macon	127	254	103	151	381	215	56.4	166
Swain	123	160	56	104	283	141	49.8	142
District Totals	1,004	1,742	533	1,209	2,746	1,656	44.2	1,090
State Totals	49,127	104,675	45,636	59,039	153,802	104,789	68.1	49,013

# METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

1983-1984



The majority of civil district cases, excluding civil magistrate cases, are disposed of by judges. Only 492 jury trials

were held in district courts for civil cases during the 1983-84 year.

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 1</u>											
Camden	37	2	0	3	5	1	22	0	0	4	0
Chowan	236	10	1	30	65	7	115	0	0	5	3
Currituck	160	18	0	8	18	5	82	0	1	25	3
Dare	268	39	0	33	53	7	111	1	0	20	4
Gates	82	10	2	5	9	1	37	0	0	7	11
Pasquotank	472	41	1	52	74	1	263	0	3	32	5
Perquimans	97	2	0	8	5	2	67	0	0	8	5
District Totals	1,352	122	4	139	229	24	697	1	4	101	31
<u>District 2</u>											
Beaufort	508	48	5	52	41	11	337	0	1	8	5
Hyde	56	6	0	1	4	0	42	0	0	3	0
Martin	377	41	2	36	11	11	266	0	0	7	3
Tyrrell	49	2	0	16	7	0	23	0	0	1	0
Washington	286	14	3	7	12	22	106	0	1	13	108
District Totals	1,276	111	10	112	75	44	774	0	2	32	116
<u>District 3</u>											
Carteret	670	75	5	104	69	8	365	1	1	35	7
Craven	1,504	152	3	298	201	24	609	2	6	53	156
Pamlico	103	4	0	6	5	3	72	0	2	5	6
Pitt	1,337	167	6	204	192	9	675	0	3	66	15
District Totals	3,614	398	14	612	467	44	1,721	3	12	159	184
<u>District 4</u>											
Duplin	525	81	3	71	66	5	263	0	8	20	8
Jones	100	11	0	9	15	0	57	0	0	8	0
Onslow	1,628	331	1	76	99	29	966	0	12	80	34
Sampson	786	103	2	94	113	1	374	0	2	85	12
District Totals	3,039	526	6	250	293	35	1,660	0	22	193	54
<u>District 5</u>											
New Hanover	3,021	542	14	845	387	5	1,109	3	18	71	27
Pender	351	29	6	27	57	2	201	0	0	19	10
District Totals	3,372	571	20	872	444	7	1,310	3	18	90	37
<u>District 6</u>											
Bertie	302	31	1	43	10	6	184	0	11	12	4
Halifax	834	71	2	57	45	1	625	6	6	15	6
Hertford	482	31	2	148	76	10	198	2	2	11	2
Northampton	301	49	0	19	17	3	198	0	1	11	3
District Totals	1,919	182	5	267	148	20	1,205	8	20	49	15
<u>District 7</u>											
Edgecombe	369	61	3	94	62	4	614	0	0	14	17
Nash	1,081	78	6	174	104	27	622	0	22	32	16
Wilson	1,103	74	4	161	93	1	727	0	15	26	2
District Totals	3,053	213	13	429	259	32	1,963	0	37	72	35
<u>District 8</u>											
Greene	121	10	0	1	1	4	87	0	10	2	6
Lenoir	1,301	198	10	157	106	13	738	0	7	72	0
Wayne	2,192	287	12	266	415	1	1,026	2	21	155	7
District Totals	3,614	495	22	424	522	18	1,851	2	38	229	13

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	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 9</u>											
Franklin	342	169	0	8	68	12	72	0	0	10	3
Granville	345	49	1	26	43	0	161	0	43	21	1
Person	387	58	1	46	39	0	225	0	2	16	0
Vance	508	34	0	19	42	4	220	0	6	21	162
Warren	408	55	1	9	15	1	316	1	1	5	4
District Totals	1,990	365	3	108	207	17	994	1	52	73	170
<u>District 10</u>											
Wake	7,858	2,141	16	1,766	1,292	123	2,332	2	13	168	5
<u>District 11</u>											
Harnett	994	180	9	148	179	5	412	1	6	50	4
Johnston	1,655	505	5	211	235	13	581	0	5	80	20
Lee	1,049	163	3	292	189	63	293	0	1	42	3
District Totals	3,698	848	17	651	603	81	1,286	1	12	172	27
<u>District 12</u>											
Cumberland	5,164	404	3	535	363	2	3,106	2	248	457	44
Hoke	306	22	0	56	32	7	82	0	12	15	80
District Totals	5,470	426	3	591	395	9	3,188	2	260	472	124
<u>District 13</u>											
Bladen	494	59	2	142	93	3	171	1	5	17	1
Brunswick	691	107	2	57	167	8	308	0	0	37	5
Columbus	1,057	121	17	113	131	1	576	2	2	94	0
District Totals	2,242	287	21	312	391	12	1,055	3	7	148	6
<u>District 14</u>											
Durham	2,553	246	6	527	311	17	1,324	1	13	63	45
<u>District 15A</u>											
Alamance	1,599	171	11	199	179	40	706	3	9	94	187
<u>District 15B</u>											
Chatham	284	24	3	36	16	10	179	1	2	6	7
Orange	741	140	3	132	116	9	295	1	22	20	3
District Totals	1,025	164	6	168	132	19	474	2	24	26	10
<u>District 16</u>											
Robeson	2,172	203	4	533	328	20	995	4	7	75	3
Scotland	528	85	3	61	37	9	301	0	3	12	17
District Totals	2,700	288	7	594	365	29	1,296	4	10	87	20
<u>District 17A</u>											
Caswell	223	19	0	22	15	0	145	0	1	8	13
Rockingham	1,187	71	3	174	112	0	723	1	6	72	25
District Totals	1,410	90	3	196	127	0	868	1	7	80	38
<u>District 17B</u>											
Stokes	243	19	2	23	23	9	138	0	2	23	4
Surry	904	90	2	192	96	0	464	0	15	44	1
District Totals	1,147	109	4	215	119	9	602	0	17	67	5
<u>District 18</u>											
Guilford	7,505	1,228	31	1,546	1,247	26	3,142	2	27	205	51

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		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 19A											
Cabarrus	1,348	144	7	165	203	5	700	1	5	90	28
Rowan	1,100	152	1	113	98	1	673	1	2	59	0
District Totals	2,448	296	8	278	301	6	1,373	2	7	149	28
District 19B											
Montgomery	235	134	0	23	36	0	39	0	0	3	0
Randolph	922	77	1	167	58	0	552	0	2	42	23
District Totals	1,157	211	1	190	94	0	591	0	2	45	23
District 20											
Anson	389	26	0	46	56	3	217	0	6	34	1
Moore	720	136	4	95	84	9	340	0	4	40	8
Richmond	481	36	0	51	27	1	320	0	12	18	16
Stanly	557	135	0	1	87	13	274	0	0	34	13
Union	846	97	13	119	120	6	452	1	6	31	1
District Totals	2,993	430	17	312	374	32	1,603	1	28	157	39
District 21											
Forsyth	5,634	721	15	1,119	1,156	32	2,295	4	37	217	38
District 22											
Alexander	215	15	0	22	15	1	144	0	3	15	0
Davidson	1,398	188	3	137	172	3	773	3	7	51	61
Davie	221	20	1	17	19	12	88	0	4	25	35
Iredell	1,243	131	5	227	258	18	502	0	5	86	11
District Totals	3,077	354	9	403	464	34	1,507	3	19	177	107
District 23											
Alleghany	141	28	0	8	6	18	62	0	0	3	16
Ashe	251	28	0	32	27	4	137	0	1	20	2
Wilkes	1,154	179	7	331	212	30	343	1	7	38	6
Yadkin	290	29	7	23	33	0	180	0	0	15	3
District Totals	1,836	264	14	394	278	52	722	1	8	76	27
District 24											
Avery	210	30	0	34	17	22	92	0	3	7	5
Madison	162	55	0	2	8	2	91	0	1	2	1
Mitchell	173	14	1	22	30	6	63	1	1	20	15
Watauga	490	38	0	43	197	4	179	0	0	24	5
Yancey	130	15	2	5	12	17	58	1	4	7	9
District Totals	1,165	152	3	106	264	51	483	2	9	60	35
District 25											
Burke	1,133	97	7	94	279	4	547	0	1	101	3
Caldwell	1,100	163	0	218	155	0	498	0	5	41	20
Catawba	1,880	122	11	399	120	135	1,010	3	8	37	35
District Totals	4,113	382	18	711	554	139	2,055	3	14	179	58
District 26											
Mecklenburg	11,183	1,954	35	2,267	1,794	8	4,934	0	25	166	0
District 27A											
Gaston	2,584	218	14	219	200	21	1,747	2	4	86	73

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	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 27B</u>											
Cleveland	897	95	14	93	106	10	527	3	6	41	2
Lincoln	550	66	3	44	52	2	330	0	4	48	1
District Totals	1,447	161	17	137	158	12	857	3	10	89	3
<u>District 28</u>											
Buncombe	3,052	339	30	360	375	42	1,599	7	39	166	95
<u>District 29</u>											
Henderson	662	82	1	20	60	3	459	0	1	34	2
McDowell	389	27	0	49	26	2	252	0	8	25	0
Polk	135	20	0	5	13	3	73	0	1	14	6
Rutherford	527	59	7	36	44	2	353	1	3	21	1
Transylvania	295	62	1	11	31	0	173	0	0	16	1
District Totals	2,008	250	9	121	174	10	1,310	1	13	110	10
<u>District 30</u>											
Cherokee	199	5	0	0	0	1	112	1	28	17	35
Clay	64	6	0	0	0	0	33	0	6	19	0
Graham	77	5	0	2	3	2	48	0	1	13	3
Haywood	639	55	1	126	57	8	331	3	10	45	3
Jackson	321	34	1	36	64	2	156	2	1	24	1
Macon	215	26	2	22	20	13	109	0	3	5	15
Swain	141	28	1	13	12	8	64	1	0	12	2
District Totals	1,656	159	5	199	156	34	853	7	49	135	59
State Totals	104,789	14,872	417	16,794	14,147	1,079	50,377	75	868	4,392	1,768

### **Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/84 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1983-84**

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Agges of Cases Pending 6/30/84 and Agges of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)						
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180				181-365	366-730	>730				
District 7															
Edgecombe	708	669.4	494.0	173	49	72	130	284	107.9	49.0	655	100	59	36	19
Nash	666	530.9	400.0	171	57	79	151	208	169.4	57.0	730	150	84	52	65
Wilson	805	576.2	479.0	205	71	85	135	309	89.4	54.0	859	137	64	29	14
District Totals	2,179	592.6	465.0	549	177	236	416	801	123.0	54.0	2,244	387	207	117	98
District 8															
Greene	28	108.3	55.5	17	6	3	2	0	122.6	52.0	78	16	21	4	2
Lenoir	463	164.1	110.0	211	117	94	28	13	142.8	67.0	740	184	266	94	17
Wayne	790	161.1	115.0	342	163	209	69	7	201.6	95.5	1,075	233	339	498	47
District Totals	1,281	161.0	113.0	570	286	306	99	20	177.8	81.5	1,893	433	626	596	66
District 9															
Franklin	155	294.8	142.0	58	29	17	35	16	169.2	66.0	199	39	72	19	13
Granville	171	228.7	156.0	58	32	52	23	6	145.8	77.0	193	48	78	18	8
Person	165	207.2	135.0	65	33	33	27	7	147.2	48.0	270	26	45	28	18
Vance	216	270.1	135.0	85	38	45	29	19	132.3	52.0	336	53	61	51	7
Warren	80	226.4	168.5	25	20	15	18	2	68.0	48.5	338	27	24	10	9
District Totals	787	248.4	142.0	291	152	162	132	50	130.7	49.0	1,336	193	280	126	55
District 10															
Wake	3,488	294.8	138.0	1,344	661	607	459	417	180.2	71.0	4,405	987	1,120	1,156	190
District 11															
Harnett	308	129.5	100.0	135	102	52	19	0	127.3	67.0	586	138	214	46	10
Johnston	532	166.5	108.5	236	112	147	29	8	105.2	43.0	1,171	159	227	81	17
Lee	415	156.7	102.0	172	103	110	25	5	144.4	63.0	627	129	166	118	9
District Totals	1,255	154.2	103.0	543	317	309	73	13	122.2	54.0	2,384	426	607	245	36
District 12															
Cumberland	3,065	343.5	246.0	935	395	552	688	495	218.9	81.0	2,758	870	537	450	549
Hoke	93	414.2	221.0	28	13	16	16	20	155.0	55.5	210	37	24	21	14
District Totals	3,158	345.6	243.0	963	408	568	704	515	215.3	78.0	2,968	907	561	471	563
District 13															
Bladen	141	138.6	60.0	79	20	27	15	0	87.8	52.0	360	74	45	14	1
Brunswick	467	240.4	137.0	153	141	70	69	34	149.6	64.0	431	95	76	78	11
Columbus	427	175.3	138.0	170	89	114	51	3	145.4	76.0	570	144	257	79	7
District Totals	1,035	199.6	134.0	402	250	211	135	37	134.1	63.0	1,361	313	378	171	19
District 14															
Durham	1,880	286.4	221.0	498	378	396	495	113	177.3	64.0	1,540	389	246	236	142

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Agges of Cases Pending 6/30/84 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)						
		0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730		
District 15A																
Alamance	443	116.7	58.0	278	77	50	35	3	87.4	56.0	1,170	258	133	31	7	
District 15B																
Chatham	217	377.5	310.0	51	30	38	67	31	112.0	49.5	193	48	19	22	2	
Orange	732	569.2	410.5	146	88	101	148	249	121.6	68.0	471	134	77	51	8	
District Totals	949	525.4	387.0	197	118	139	215	280	118.9	63.0	664	182	96	73	10	
District 16																
Robeson	893	247.4	152.0	288	219	198	124	64	156.0	64.0	1,317	269	336	164	86	
Scotland	173	257.0	177.0	54	36	40	29	14	225.1	59.0	299	45	57	101	26	
District Totals	1,066	250.0	156.5	342	255	238	153	78	169.4	63.0	1,616	314	393	265	112	
District 17A																
Caswell	90	225.9	117.0	36	22	15	11	6	132.4	65.0	135	30	36	18	4	
Rockingham	362	151.6	92.5	179	77	72	30	4	115.3	52.0	779	133	197	77	1	
District Totals	452	166.4	100.0	215	99	87	41	10	118.0	52.0	914	163	233	95	5	
District 17B																
Stokes	106	189.2	122.5	42	22	30	9	5	167.6	78.0	144	32	29	29	9	
Surry	311	245.3	145.0	119	50	61	65	14	160.5	63.0	563	103	112	96	30	
District Totals	417	231.0	144.0	161	72	91	74	19	161.6	66.0	707	135	141	125	39	
District 18																
Guilford	2,940	179.3	113.5	1,259	668	573	373	67	144.7	76.0	4,205	1,111	1,452	690	47	
District 19A																
Cabarrus	722	227.7	176.0	256	110	167	178	11	201.0	75.0	722	166	139	298	23	
Rowan	536	175.6	130.0	213	129	136	48	10	119.0	53.0	773	127	119	65	16	
District Totals	1,258	205.5	137.0	469	239	303	226	21	164.1	62.0	1,495	293	258	363	39	
District 19B																
Montgomery	214	175.5	144.0	76	69	44	22	3	246.2	102.0	111	45	25	32	22	
Randolph	301	187.9	100.0	139	63	46	44	9	108.0	49.0	623	136	97	57	9	
District Totals	515	182.8	121.0	215	132	90	66	12	136.1	56.0	734	181	122	89	31	
District 20																
Anson	135	247.9	149.0	52	25	23	26	9	263.4	62.0	221	33	32	46	57	
Moore	497	297.8	179.0	158	91	81	115	52	220.9	75.5	393	121	70	43	93	
Richmond	802	745.8	496.5	130	80	111	175	306	178.7	51.0	337	47	46	28	23	
Stanly	409	369.8	185.0	160	36	67	72	74	139.9	64.0	348	109	49	29	22	
Union	551	303.4	233.0	157	74	142	124	54	139.1	53.0	560	109	61	100	16	
District Totals	2,394	458.7	276.0	657	306	424	512	495	181.4	59.0	1,859	419	258	246	211	

# AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

AGES OF CASES PENDING 6/30/84 AND AGES OF CASES DISPOSED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983-84

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)										
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
<u>District 21</u>																
Forsyth	2,189	183.9	106.0	980	515	353	281	60	5,634	124.8	69.0	3,366	863	1,116	258	31
<u>District 22</u>																
Alexander	81	217.7	122.0	35	16	14	11	5	215	99.5	43.0	167	18	14	15	1
Davidson	356	162.8	114.0	158	80	79	36	3	1,398	131.2	63.0	876	191	190	123	18
Davie	212	368.4	290.0	51	35	38	54	34	221	245.6	76.0	124	26	22	24	25
Iredell	466	213.2	129.0	185	92	104	67	18	1,243	162.5	62.0	749	147	143	183	21
District Totals	1,115	226.9	137.0	429	223	235	168	60	3,077	149.8	62.0	1,916	382	369	345	65
<u>District 23</u>																
Alleghany	43	126.4	96.0	20	11	11	1	0	141	109.7	50.0	90	25	18	7	1
Ashe	74	212.2	119.5	27	15	18	11	3	251	93.8	47.0	185	31	27	6	2
Wilkes	315	125.0	87.0	164	79	54	16	2	1,154	99.0	54.0	832	197	88	25	12
Yadkin	118	232.2	89.5	59	25	16	11	7	290	137.7	55.5	173	38	50	23	6
District Totals	550	159.8	94.0	270	130	99	39	12	1,836	105.2	53.0	1,280	291	183	61	21
<u>District 24</u>																
Avery	122	268.1	113.5	56	12	18	28	8	210	239.0	75.0	116	46	19	12	17
Madison	75	328.7	171.0	26	12	15	12	10	162	230.0	64.0	93	24	19	12	14
Mitchell	47	156.6	89.0	24	8	9	5	1	173	156.8	63.0	108	27	17	17	4
Watauga	220	164.8	87.0	112	45	42	11	10	490	184.1	100.0	231	114	54	83	8
Yancey	60	389.9	212.0	19	10	8	12	11	130	140.3	62.5	87	21	13	5	4
District Totals	524	237.4	108.0	237	87	92	68	40	1,165	191.4	77.0	635	232	122	129	47
<u>District 25</u>																
Burke	380	431.6	239.5	110	51	85	70	64	1,133	190.2	46.0	773	80	82	129	69
Caldwell	527	414.3	284.0	158	65	107	107	90	1,100	136.6	61.5	697	165	149	69	20
Catawba	886	236.8	149.5	318	155	179	210	24	1,880	130.9	53.0	1,262	234	154	201	29
District Totals	1,793	330.2	211.0	586	271	371	387	178	4,113	148.7	54.0	2,732	479	385	399	118
<u>District 26</u>																
Mecklenburg	4,034	168.3	100.5	1,906	861	666	540	61	11,183	161.5	70.0	6,381	1,836	1,649	878	439
<u>District 27A</u>																
Gaston	992	209.3	131.0	392	181	222	168	29	2,584	167.4	55.0	1,593	288	255	384	64
<u>District 27B</u>																
Cleveland	451	238.9	150.0	169	73	97	91	21	897	105.5	56.0	584	137	134	38	4
Lincoln	120	83.6	60.0	79	28	11	1	1	550	119.3	64.0	340	107	70	28	5
District Totals	571	206.3	107.0	248	101	108	92	22	1,447	110.8	58.0	924	244	204	66	9
<u>District 28</u>																
Buncombe	1,003	136.3	82.0	522	248	151	69	13	3,052	152.0	90.0	1,529	552	686	260	25

# AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Agges of Cases Pending 6/30/84 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age		Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365		366-730	>730		0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 29															
Henderson	746	454.8	395.0	148	72	131	238	157	193.2	62.0	398	101	66	40	57
McDowell	177	272.0	131.0	70	32	41	18	16	102.0	49.0	269	52	50	16	2
Polk	37	301.8	163.0	11	8	7	7	4	157.2	81.0	74	24	22	13	2
Rutherford	287	269.4	192.0	90	49	65	63	20	140.8	52.0	356	44	63	51	13
Tennessee	205	326.9	269.0	51	27	57	57	13	190.3	65.0	168	41	33	40	13
District Totals	1,452	373.9	279.5	370	188	301	383	210	159.0	57.0	1,265	262	234	160	87
District 30															
Cherokee	166	376.9	365.5	39	18	26	53	30	213.6	99.0	90	45	29	19	16
Clay	23	206.8	109.0	6	8	5	4	0	153.0	84.0	34	12	12	5	1
Graham	40	213.0	159.5	13	10	9	8	0	155.0	104.0	37	14	19	7	0
Haywood	423	328.5	255.0	105	74	92	115	37	179.6	57.0	390	77	68	57	47
Jackson	130	230.4	150.0	53	22	23	28	4	141.6	109.0	143	84	75	17	2
Macon	166	449.3	241.5	44	30	29	38	25	125.5	58.0	138	35	21	15	6
Swain	142	466.2	288.0	31	18	34	24	35	195.8	73.0	76	23	17	17	8
District Totals	1,090	354.8	246.0	291	180	218	270	131	168.5	73.5	908	290	241	137	80
State Totals															
	49,013	288.3	156.0	17,569	8,903	9,232	8,423	4,886	155.5	64.5	62,860	14,975	14,451	9,291	3,212

# CIVIL MAGISTRATE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>		<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>
<u>District 1</u>			<u>District 9</u>		
Camden	99	97	Franklin	791	808
Chowan	630	637	Granville	1,274	1,241
Currituck	238	233	Person	949	865
Dare	419	444	Vance	2,283	2,258
Gates	202	247	Warren	561	584
Pasquotank	843	853	District Totals	5,858	5,756
Perquimans	311	320			
District Totals	2,742	2,831	<u>District 10</u>		
<u>District 2</u>			Wake	9,724	9,322
Beaufort	1,373	1,315	<u>District 11</u>		
Hyde	78	71	Harnett	1,307	1,362
Martin	943	985	Johnston	1,874	1,809
Tyrrell	156	145	Lee	837	790
Washington	500	433	District Totals	4,018	3,961
District Totals	3,050	2,949			
<u>District 3</u>			<u>District 12</u>		
Carteret	1,509	1,368	Cumberland	9,353	9,390
Craven	2,161	2,219	Hoke	585	599
Pamlico	256	276	District Totals	9,938	9,989
Pitt	2,703	2,710			
District Totals	6,629	6,573	<u>District 13</u>		
<u>District 4</u>			Bladen	2,434	2,334
Duplin	1,536	1,551	Brunswick	1,034	526
Jones	173	177	Columbus	1,913	1,924
Onslow	2,526	2,527	District Totals	5,381	4,784
Sampson	1,539	1,561			
District Totals	5,774	5,816	<u>District 14</u>		
<u>District 5</u>			Durham	13,379	12,970
New Hanover	3,151	3,097	<u>District 15A</u>		
Pender	530	531	Alamance	2,955	2,939
District Totals	3,681	3,628	<u>District 15B</u>		
<u>District 6</u>			Chatham	706	711
Bertie	781	787	Orange	1,430	1,369
Halifax	1,480	1,549	District Totals	2,136	2,080
Hertford	596	640			
Northampton	598	581	<u>District 16</u>		
District Totals	3,455	3,557	Robeson	6,776	6,544
<u>District 7</u>			Scotland	1,896	1,793
Edgecombe	4,772	4,688	District Totals	8,672	8,337
Nash	3,621	4,360	<u>District 17A</u>		
Wilson	2,812	2,739	Caswell	334	311
District Totals	11,205	11,787	Rockingham	2,266	2,361
<u>District 8</u>			District Totals	2,600	2,672
Greene	317	352	<u>District 17B</u>		
Lenoir	2,597	2,665	Stokes	445	457
Wayne	2,186	2,120	Surry	1,842	2,059
District Totals	5,100	5,137	District Totals	2,287	2,516

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	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>		<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>
<u>District 18</u>			<u>District 25</u>		
Guilford			Burke	1,310	1,301
Greensboro	8,382	8,014	Caldwell	1,859	1,954
High Point	3,197	3,111	Catawba	2,320	2,287
District Totals	11,579	11,125	District Totals	5,489	5,542
<u>District 19A</u>			<u>District 26</u>		
Cabarrus	1,408	1,354	Mecklenburg	21,602	23,198
Rowan	2,118	2,148	<u>District 27A</u>		
District Totals	3,526	3,502	Gaston	3,971	4,060
<u>District 19B</u>			<u>District 27B</u>		
Montgomery	1,178	1,013	Cleveland	2,798	2,786
Randolph	1,257	1,243	Lincoln	796	812
District Totals	2,435	2,256	District Totals	3,594	3,598
<u>District 20</u>			<u>District 28</u>		
Anson	639	677	Buncombe	3,807	4,031
Moore	1,388	1,398	<u>District 29</u>		
Richmond	1,213	1,033	Henderson	548	499
Stanly	1,327	1,295	McDowell	385	414
Union	1,373	1,349	Polk	205	209
District Totals	5,940	5,752	Rutherford	1,253	1,649
<u>District 21</u>			Transylvania	481	443
Forsyth	8,914	8,785	District Totals	2,872	3,214
<u>District 22</u>			<u>District 30</u>		
Alexander	364	358	Cherokee	257	250
Davidson	3,222	3,163	Clay	70	48
Davie	381	383	Graham	51	51
Iredell	2,058	1,988	Haywood	807	772
District Totals	6,025	5,892	Jackson	272	251
<u>District 23</u>			Macon	402	389
Alleghany	316	332	Swain	106	98
Ashe	185	244	District Totals	1,965	1,859
Wilkes	1,699	1,688	<u>Total Filed</u>		<u>Total Disposed</u>
Yadkin	718	731			
District Totals	2,918	2,995	State Totals	194,321	194,379
<u>District 24</u>					
Avery	193	205			
Madison	107	132			
Mitchell	115	111			
Watauga	349	386			
Yancey	136	132			
District Totals	900	966			

# OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS			Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent			Total	Undisciplined		Dependent	Neglected	Abused			
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor		Truancy	Other				Total		
District 1												
Camden	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	6
Chowan	0	4	23	27	0	0	0	5	4	1	37	17
Currituck	0	4	14	18	1	0	1	3	12	9	43	23
Dare	0	12	10	22	0	0	0	0	2	1	25	23
Gates	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Pasquotank	0	23	78	101	0	1	1	3	10	7	122	48
Perquimans	0	21	14	35	0	0	0	0	2	1	38	11
District Totals	0	67	144	211	1	1	2	11	31	20	275	131
District 2												
Beaufort	0	27	31	58	3	0	3	7	5	4	77	42
Hyde	0	3	10	13	0	1	1	2	13	3	32	20
Martin	0	13	19	32	0	0	0	2	14	0	48	36
Tyrrell	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Washington	0	5	22	27	1	0	1	0	5	0	33	26
District Totals	0	50	85	135	4	1	5	11	37	7	195	129
District 3												
Carteret	0	17	53	70	0	2	2	17	14	5	108	55
Craven	0	32	79	111	3	15	18	23	15	5	172	93
Pamlico	0	0	6	6	0	1	1	0	0	2	9	9
Pitt	0	29	107	136	0	10	10	17	6	2	171	74
District Totals	0	78	245	323	3	28	31	57	35	14	460	231
District 4												
Duplin	0	3	23	26	1	6	7	4	3	0	40	33
Jones	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	6	5
Onslow	0	58	68	126	3	6	9	18	34	22	209	124
Sampson	0	16	99	115	0	13	13	16	21	5	170	57
District Totals	0	80	190	270	4	25	29	39	60	27	425	219
District 5												
New Hanover	0	236	255	491	15	72	87	5	26	5	614	213
Pender	0	37	30	67	1	1	2	2	3	2	76	28
District Totals	0	273	285	558	16	73	89	7	29	7	690	241
District 6												
Bertie	0	1	14	15	0	1	1	2	13	0	31	31
Halifax	0	74	35	109	2	2	4	6	14	4	137	66
Hertford	0	5	31	36	0	0	0	17	8	3	64	43
Northampton	0	2	16	18	0	0	0	0	4	3	25	18
District Totals	0	82	96	178	2	3	5	25	39	10	257	158
District 7												
Edgecombe	0	116	125	241	4	7	11	18	8	1	279	116
Nash	1	35	83	119	0	6	6	29	23	4	181	94
Wilson	0	69	120	189	2	5	7	15	18	12	241	99
District Totals	1	220	328	549	6	18	24	62	49	17	701	309
District 8												
Greene	0	0	23	23	0	4	4	2	14	0	43	32
Lenoir	0	58	173	231	0	17	17	10	29	5	292	98
Wayne	0	37	73	110	0	9	9	29	71	12	231	109
District Totals	0	95	269	364	0	30	30	41	114	17	566	239

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS			Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused		
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total					
District 9												
Franklin	0	8	37	45	1	7	8	3	12	2	70	37
Granville	0	39	105	144	2	4	6	6	10	3	169	77
Person	0	0	5	5	0	3	3	3	13	3	27	25
Vance	0	45	101	146	5	15	20	18	13	8	205	55
Warren	0	7	2	9	2	2	4	1	0	0	14	10
District Totals	0	99	250	349	10	31	41	31	48	16	485	204
District 10												
Wake	1	87	200	288	7	13	20	31	30	23	392	319
District 11												
Harnett	0	52	80	132	9	7	16	4	12	5	169	66
Johnston	1	61	51	113	4	11	15	6	12	3	149	81
Lee	0	8	69	77	1	9	10	9	6	1	103	88
District Totals	1	121	200	322	14	27	41	19	30	9	421	235
District 12												
Cumberland	0	361	422	783	26	272	298	87	179	73	1,420	600
Hoke	0	9	54	63	4	10	14	11	5	5	98	57
District Totals	0	370	476	846	30	282	312	98	184	78	1,518	657
District 13												
Bladen	0	10	15	25	1	4	5	5	4	2	41	25
Brunswick	1	17	22	40	5	16	21	3	12	2	78	59
Columbus	0	23	34	57	10	7	17	14	28	5	121	71
District Totals	1	50	71	122	16	27	43	22	44	9	240	155
District 14												
Durham	0	90	395	485	1	12	13	39	87	14	638	178
District 15A												
Alamance	0	29	119	148	5	25	30	18	19	5	220	115
District 15B												
Chatham	0	5	50	55	1	0	1	6	12	5	79	38
Orange	0	29	73	102	2	4	6	8	15	0	131	102
District Totals	0	34	123	157	3	4	7	14	27	5	210	140
District 16												
Robeson	1	118	125	244	10	31	41	49	55	26	415	189
Scotland	0	39	85	124	0	1	1	13	26	2	166	85
District Totals	1	157	210	368	10	32	42	62	81	28	581	274
District 17A												
Caswell	0	2	3	5	0	1	1	3	5	2	16	16
Rockingham	0	85	98	183	0	12	12	15	10	8	228	73
District Totals	0	87	101	188	0	13	13	18	15	10	244	89
District 17B												
Stokes	1	8	22	31	11	7	18	2	2	3	56	40
Surry	0	61	51	112	7	6	13	4	24	2	155	76
District Totals	1	69	73	143	18	13	31	6	26	5	211	116
District 18												
Guilford	0	191	523	714	55	74	129	100	67	28	1,038	633

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused			
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total						
<u>District 19A</u>													
Cabarrus	0	41	65	106	2	7	9	10	13	2	140	86	
Rowan	0	94	244	338	133	81	214	228	92	32	904	128	
District Totals	0	135	309	444	135	88	223	238	105	34	1,044	214	
<u>District 19B</u>													
Montgomery	0	4	9	13	0	4	4	2	14	1	34	34	
Randolph	0	68	91	159	10	48	58	24	28	9	278	139	
District Totals	0	72	100	172	10	52	62	26	42	10	312	173	
<u>District 20</u>													
Anson	0	82	23	105	0	0	0	0	10	2	117	33	
Moore	0	60	103	163	1	1	2	3	121	3	292	66	
Richmond	0	107	69	176	1	4	5	0	31	9	221	64	
Stanly	0	16	29	45	0	2	2	4	2	6	59	31	
Union	0	49	93	142	1	15	16	7	90	44	299	149	
District Totals	0	314	317	631	3	22	25	14	254	64	988	343	
<u>District 21</u>													
Forsyth	0	115	342	457	40	90	130	11	69	13	680	502	
<u>District 22</u>													
Alexander	0	5	10	15	0	6	6	1	8	2	32	24	
Davidson	0	34	150	184	0	52	52	35	40	11	322	154	
Davie	0	6	46	52	4	8	12	3	3	2	72	26	
Iredell	3	5	111	119	6	31	37	9	23	2	190	103	
District Totals	3	50	317	370	10	97	107	48	74	17	616	307	
<u>District 23</u>													
Alleghany	0	25	9	34	0	2	2	0	2	2	40	25	
Ashe	0	12	5	17	12	14	26	5	22	3	73	50	
Wilkes	1	16	57	74	56	16	72	12	113	18	289	95	
Yadkin	0	28	89	117	9	12	21	7	35	14	194	49	
District Totals	1	81	160	242	77	44	121	24	172	37	596	219	
<u>District 24</u>													
Avery	0	11	3	14	1	4	5	6	9	1	35	30	
Madison	2	4	1	7	2	0	2	12	15	3	39	22	
Mitchell	0	4	13	17	0	7	7	5	3	5	37	20	
Watauga	0	6	24	30	1	1	2	6	2	6	46	41	
Yancey	0	3	3	6	3	1	4	0	4	3	17	17	
District Totals	2	28	44	74	7	13	20	29	33	18	174	130	
<u>District 25</u>													
Burke	0	36	41	77	10	34	44	7	19	10	157	70	
Caldwell	0	16	113	129	40	84	124	67	33	13	366	95	
Catawba	0	48	76	124	12	40	52	20	35	10	241	140	
District Totals	0	100	230	330	62	158	220	94	87	33	764	305	
<u>District 26</u>													
Mecklenburg	0	417	532	949	15	124	139	17	241	42	1,388	655	
<u>District 27A</u>													
Gaston	0	105	342	447	0	32	32	17	62	13	571	335	
<u>District 27B</u>													
Cleveland	0	26	97	123	5	9	14	23	13	7	180	108	
Lincoln	0	35	37	72	0	8	8	8	10	7	105	52	
District Totals	0	61	134	195	5	17	22	31	23	14	285	160	

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS			Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused		
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total					
<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	1	188	263	452	23	180	203	54	51	14	774	246
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	0	5	33	38	21	11	32	7	11	4	92	53
McDowell	0	8	32	40	22	22	44	7	28	8	127	75
Polk	0	6	5	11	8	0	8	6	2	2	29	29
Rutherford	0	19	41	60	31	22	53	33	47	6	199	68
Transylvania	0	19	19	38	5	1	6	7	19	6	76	39
District Totals	0	57	130	187	87	56	143	60	107	26	523	264
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	0	7	13	20	0	2	2	1	8	4	35	25
Clay	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	9	9
Graham	0	3	1	4	3	0	3	0	2	0	9	9
Haywood	0	2	11	13	3	12	15	3	7	4	42	41
Jackson	0	2	13	15	3	5	8	3	7	4	37	26
Macon	0	14	11	25	0	1	1	1	2	1	30	29
Swain	0	0	17	17	0	8	8	5	7	1	38	38
District Totals	0	29	68	97	9	28	37	16	36	14	200	177
State Totals	13	4,081	7,671	11,765	688	1,733	2,421	1,390	2,408	698	18,682	8,802

# ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS FOR JUVENILE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Abuse Hearings			Total Hearings
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
District 1																
Camden	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	5
Chowan	33	1	34	0	0	0	5	0	5	4	0	4	1	0	1	44
Currituck	13	6	19	0	1	1	2	0	2	11	2	13	8	2	10	45
Dare	22	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	25
Gates	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Pasquotank	86	18	104	0	0	0	5	0	5	7	0	7	5	0	5	121
Perquimans	25	9	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	37
District Totals	185	34	219	0	1	1	12	0	12	27	2	29	17	2	19	280
District 2																
Beaufort	45	13	58	1	0	1	6	0	6	5	0	5	4	0	4	74
Hyde	9	3	12	0	1	1	0	1	1	12	1	13	0	3	3	30
Martin	28	18	46	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	5	15	0	0	0	62
Tyrrell	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Washington	25	1	26	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	29
District Totals	112	35	147	2	1	3	7	1	8	28	7	35	4	3	7	200
District 3																
Carteret	92	32	124	5	1	6	38	4	42	28	1	29	9	6	15	216
Craven	127	72	199	14	9	23	30	2	32	53	8	61	11	1	12	327
Pamlico	4	12	16	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	21
Pitt	224	55	279	10	2	12	26	3	29	15	4	19	4	1	5	344
District Totals	447	171	618	32	12	44	94	9	103	96	14	110	25	8	33	908
District 4																
Duplin	20	1	21	3	4	7	2	1	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	34
Jones	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	7
Onslow	96	18	114	4	3	7	49	3	52	113	2	115	55	0	55	343
Sampson	40	55	95	2	5	7	6	2	8	22	1	23	3	0	3	136
District Totals	157	76	233	9	12	21	57	7	64	141	3	144	58	0	58	520
District 5																
New Hanover	474	17	491	86	1	87	5	0	5	26	0	26	5	0	5	614
Pender	65	1	66	2	0	2	2	0	2	3	0	3	2	0	2	75
District Totals	539	18	557	88	1	89	7	0	7	29	0	29	7	0	7	689
District 6																
Bertie	14	2	16	0	1	1	1	0	1	13	0	13	0	0	0	31
Halifax	102	23	125	0	5	5	2	1	3	5	3	8	3	0	3	144
Hertford	23	30	53	0	0	0	4	11	15	11	7	18	2	3	5	91
Northampton	5	9	14	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	3	2	2	4	23
District Totals	144	64	208	0	6	6	8	13	21	29	13	42	7	5	12	289

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<u>District 7</u>																
Edgecombe	146	70	216	7	10	17	22	0	22	46	8	54	5	0	5	314
Nash	58	18	76	3	0	3	15	4	19	16	3	19	3	3	6	123
Wilson	142	42	184	5	0	5	17	0	17	2	0	2	11	0	11	219
District Totals	346	130	476	15	10	25	54	4	58	64	11	75	19	3	22	656
<u>District 8</u>																
Greene	13	10	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	25
Lenoir	175	68	243	10	2	12	6	3	9	13	12	25	5	1	6	295
Wayne	96	50	146	3	2	5	27	2	29	35	1	36	4	1	5	221
District Totals	284	128	412	13	4	17	33	5	38	50	13	63	9	2	11	541
<u>District 9</u>																
Franklin	28	3	31	10	0	10	4	0	4	1	3	4	0	0	0	49
Granville	59	14	73	3	6	9	6	1	7	2	2	4	0	0	0	93
Person	15	21	36	7	5	12	19	11	30	18	8	26	3	1	4	108
Vance	83	51	134	7	12	19	17	1	18	6	1	7	7	0	7	185
Warren	11	3	14	0	1	1	6	2	8	12	4	16	0	1	1	40
District Totals	196	92	288	27	24	51	52	15	67	39	18	57	10	2	12	475
<u>District 10</u>																
Wake	396	40	436	9	2	11	39	2	41	36	2	38	25	0	25	551
<u>District 11</u>																
Harnett	286	14	300	31	4	35	25	4	29	128	5	133	27	1	28	525
Johnston	39	124	163	11	23	34	10	42	52	38	54	92	3	7	10	351
Lee	45	46	91	7	4	11	15	8	23	20	17	37	2	2	4	166
District Totals	370	184	554	49	31	80	50	54	104	186	76	262	32	10	42	1,042
<u>District 12</u>																
Cumberland	470	273	743	197	112	309	65	19	84	147	25	172	53	13	66	1,374
Hoke	42	11	53	3	8	11	6	1	7	1	3	4	4	2	6	81
District Totals	512	284	796	200	120	320	71	20	91	148	28	176	57	15	72	1,455
<u>District 13</u>																
Bladen	26	14	40	1	5	6	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	2	3	52
Brunswick	29	6	35	8	12	20	4	0	4	6	3	9	1	1	2	70
Columbus	128	2	130	42	2	44	37	0	37	154	7	161	12	2	14	386
District Totals	183	22	205	51	19	70	42	0	42	162	10	172	14	5	19	508
<u>District 14</u>																
Ourham	262	209	471	2	2	4	35	8	43	49	25	74	7	1	8	600

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<u>District 15A</u>																
Alamance	137	26	163	26	6	32	18	2	20	11	2	13	3	2	5	233
<u>District 15B</u>																
Chatham	42	24	66	1	1	2	2	3	5	14	3	17	1	2	3	93
Orange	240	33	273	4	1	5	27	0	27	60	8	68	3	0	3	376
District Totals	282	57	339	5	2	7	29	3	32	74	11	85	4	2	6	469
<u>District 16</u>																
Robeson	231	19	250	11	1	12	44	3	47	50	1	51	11	12	23	383
Scotland	95	27	122	0	0	0	21	1	22	35	0	35	1	0	1	180
District Totals	326	46	372	11	1	12	65	4	69	85	1	86	12	12	24	563
<u>District 17A</u>																
Caswell	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	4	3	0	3	12
Rockingham	158	25	183	5	6	11	13	5	18	13	1	14	7	0	7	233
District Totals	160	27	187	5	6	11	13	6	19	16	2	18	10	0	10	245
<u>District 17B</u>																
Stokes	17	12	29	14	4	18	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	3	55
Surry	85	18	103	12	6	18	5	0	5	56	0	56	5	0	5	187
District Totals	102	30	132	26	10	36	7	1	8	57	1	58	6	2	8	242
<u>District 18</u>																
Guilford	520	123	643	104	21	125	101	18	119	53	17	70	22	15	37	994
<u>District 19A</u>																
Cabarrus	116	12	128	8	1	9	12	1	13	14	2	16	2	1	3	169
Rowan	326	48	374	148	16	164	271	22	293	120	10	130	34	5	39	1,000
District Totals	442	60	502	156	17	173	283	23	306	134	12	146	36	6	42	1,169
<u>District 19B</u>																
Montgomery	78	10	88	9	3	12	15	0	15	32	1	33	2	2	4	152
Randolph	298	23	321	40	29	69	19	3	22	51	2	53	13	4	17	482
District Totals	376	33	409	49	32	81	34	3	37	83	3	86	15	6	21	634
<u>District 20</u>																
Anson	70	51	121	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	12	0	0	0	133
Moore	115	48	163	0	2	2	3	0	3	109	12	121	2	1	3	292
Richmond	151	59	210	6	1	7	4	3	7	67	16	83	16	5	21	328
Stanly	52	28	80	0	5	5	3	1	4	44	20	64	28	1	29	182
Union	110	16	126	6	4	10	3	0	3	62	7	69	36	3	39	247
District Totals	498	202	700	12	12	24	13	4	17	293	56	349	82	10	92	1,182

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<u>District 21</u>																
Forsyth	439	18	457	75	55	130	10	1	11	66	3	69	13	0	13	680
<u>District 22</u>																
Alexander	12	1	13	7	0	7	1	1	2	1	8	9	0	0	0	31
Davidson	128	34	162	12	12	24	22	6	28	30	3	33	6	1	7	254
Davie	92	32	124	13	5	18	4	3	7	18	5	23	7	1	8	180
Iredell	96	23	119	27	7	34	10	2	12	26	0	26	1	0	1	192
District Totals	328	90	418	59	24	83	37	12	49	75	16	91	14	2	16	657
<u>District 23</u>																
Alleghany	27	7	34	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	40
Ashe	10	25	35	22	10	32	4	1	5	28	5	33	0	2	2	107
Wilkes	62	18	80	75	9	84	14	2	16	117	1	118	22	1	23	321
Yadkin	108	24	132	14	7	21	4	4	8	34	4	38	15	3	18	217
District Totals	207	74	281	111	28	139	22	7	29	181	10	191	37	8	45	685
<u>District 24</u>																
Avery	21	7	28	20	9	29	23	9	32	35	2	37	2	1	3	129
Madison	15	8	23	13	3	16	18	6	24	39	9	48	7	1	8	119
Mitchell	13	5	18	14	0	14	6	6	12	26	7	33	6	1	7	84
Watauga	68	13	81	10	8	18	33	6	39	9	6	15	4	1	5	158
Yancey	12	7	19	16	6	22	7	2	9	13	0	13	10	1	11	74
District Totals	129	40	169	73	26	99	87	29	116	122	24	146	29	5	34	564
<u>District 25</u>																
Burke	128	38	166	83	23	106	53	4	57	277	5	282	54	0	54	665
Caldwell	201	29	230	154	31	185	85	5	90	64	2	66	30	0	30	601
Catawba	109	37	146	53	14	67	24	2	26	40	3	43	13	1	14	296
District Totals	438	104	542	290	68	358	162	11	173	381	10	391	97	1	98	1,562
<u>District 26</u>																
Mecklenburg	651	276	927	62	37	99	10	3	13	168	32	200	15	4	19	1,258
<u>District 27A</u>																
Gaston	294	96	390	16	18	34	16	1	17	57	5	62	11	2	13	516
<u>District 27B</u>																
Cleveland	63	18	81	9	6	15	22	0	22	16	0	16	5	0	5	139
Lincoln	46	21	67	6	1	7	9	1	10	10	2	12	5	0	5	101
District Totals	109	39	148	15	7	22	31	1	32	26	2	28	10	0	10	240
<u>District 28</u>																
Buncombe	222	133	355	52	72	124	27	2	29	24	2	26	8	0	8	542

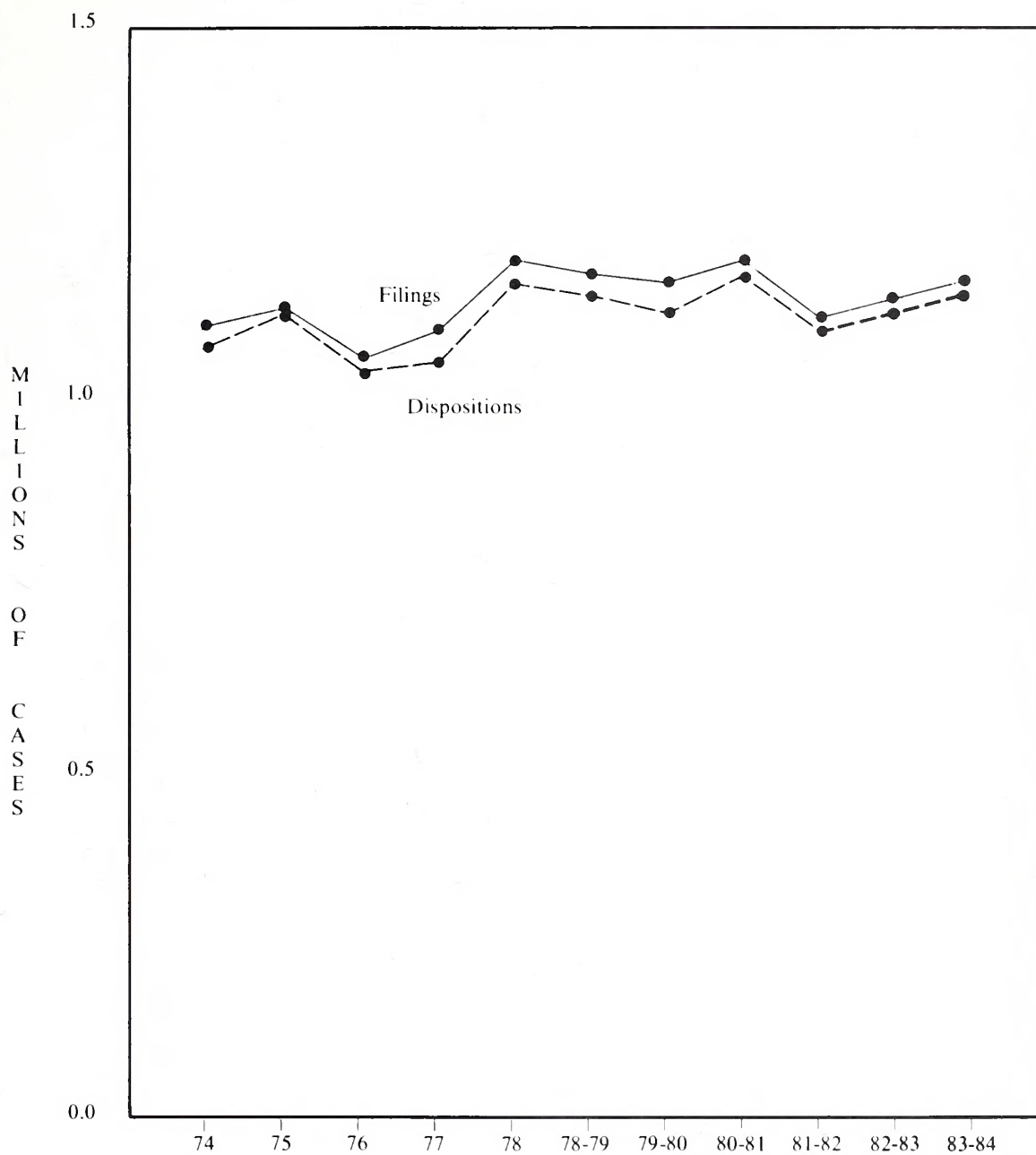
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<u>District 29</u>																
Henderson	27	6	33	27	7	34	10	6	16	23	2	25	2	0	2	110
McDowell	30	3	33	35	5	40	6	0	6	10	0	10	3	0	3	92
Polk	10	1	11	7	0	7	3	3	6	4	4	8	2	0	2	34
Rutherford	36	2	38	23	0	23	33	1	34	28	2	30	1	0	1	126
Transylvania	38	3	41	2	1	3	7	1	8	6	12	18	6	0	6	76
District Totals	141	15	156	94	13	107	59	11	70	71	20	91	14	0	14	438
<u>District 30</u>																
Cherokee	19	1	20	1	1	2	1	0	1	8	0	8	4	0	4	35
Clay	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	8
Graham	3	1	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	9
Haywood	10	7	17	3	4	7	2	1	3	10	0	10	2	0	2	39
Jackson	2	0	2	3	4	7	1	2	3	6	1	7	3	0	3	22
Macon	20	4	24	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	28
Swain	17	0	17	7	1	8	4	1	5	7	0	7	1	0	1	38
District Totals	73	14	87	18	10	28	11	4	15	35	3	38	10	1	11	179
State Totals	9,468	2,972	12,440	1,668	709	2,377	1,589	284	1,873	3,067	454	3,521	732	134	866	21,077

# FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1974 — 1983-1984



Motor vehicle cases dominate criminal filings and dispositions in the district courts. The increase in filings and dispositions shown here during 1983-84 is the result of a 5.5% increase in motor vehicle filings and a 5.8% increase

in motor vehicle dispositions. During the 1983-84 fiscal year, 66.7% of the criminal district court filings and 66.6% of dispositions were traffic cases.

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
<u>District 1</u>				
Camden	1,041	662	276	938
Chowan	1,243	829	360	1,189
Currituck	1,881	1,232	672	1,904
Dare	5,289	3,794	1,484	5,278
Gates	1,078	692	398	1,090
Pasquotank	2,006	1,263	825	2,088
Perquimans	1,016	716	310	1,026
District Totals	13,554	9,188	4,325	13,513
<u>District 2</u>				
Beaufort	6,880	3,243	2,141	5,384
Hyde	840	470	402	892
Martin	3,445	2,014	1,315	3,329
Tyrrell	486	283	206	489
Washington	988	616	329	945
District Totals	12,639	6,626	4,393	11,019
<u>District 3</u>				
Carteret	6,808	3,965	2,674	6,639
Craven	10,230	5,814	4,198	10,012
Pamlico	742	412	328	740
Pitt	11,157	5,871	4,510	10,381
District Totals	28,937	16,062	11,710	27,772
<u>District 4</u>				
Duplin	3,869	2,168	1,488	3,656
Jones	1,208	677	430	1,107
Onslow	11,131	5,386	5,659	11,045
Sampson	6,896	4,205	2,646	6,851
District Totals	23,104	12,436	10,223	22,659
<u>District 5</u>				
New Hanover	14,167	7,247	6,801	14,048
Pender	3,407	1,842	1,643	3,485
District Totals	17,574	9,089	8,444	17,533
<u>District 6</u>				
Bertie	2,986	2,128	958	3,086
Halifax	9,674	6,805	3,619	10,424
Hertford	3,610	2,394	1,148	3,542
Northampton	4,001	2,337	1,739	4,076
District Totals	20,271	13,664	7,464	21,128
<u>District 7</u>				
Edgecombe	4,396	3,012	1,391	4,403
Nash	9,246	6,393	2,770	9,163
Wilson	6,167	4,309	2,055	6,364
District Totals	19,809	13,714	6,216	19,930
<u>District 8</u>				
Greene	1,579	995	645	1,640
Lenoir	7,960	4,200	3,674	7,874
Wayne	10,011	5,285	4,733	10,018
District Totals	19,550	10,480	9,052	19,532
<u>District 9</u>				
Franklin	2,352	1,188	1,124	2,312
Granville	4,162	2,629	1,522	4,151
Person	3,047	1,606	1,377	2,983
Vance	4,639	2,794	1,933	4,727
Warren	2,403	1,583	850	2,433
District Totals	16,603	9,800	6,806	16,606

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		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
<u>District 10</u>				
Wake	61,861	28,517	30,188	58,705
<u>District 11</u>				
Harnett	6,206	3,191	2,632	5,823
Johnston	9,189	4,655	4,420	9,075
Lee	5,965	3,778	2,073	5,851
District Totals	21,360	11,624	9,125	20,749
<u>District 12</u>				
Cumberland	30,870	16,341	14,818	31,159
Hoke	2,758	1,864	848	2,712
District Totals	33,628	18,205	15,666	33,871
<u>District 13</u>				
Bladen	4,791	2,626	2,191	4,817
Brunswick	4,119	2,094	2,122	4,216
Columbus	5,879	2,928	2,965	5,893
District Totals	14,789	7,648	7,278	14,926
<u>District 14</u>				
Durham	25,816	15,523	9,419	24,942
<u>District 15A</u>				
Alamance	10,111	5,841	4,376	10,217
<u>District 15B</u>				
Chatham	4,181	2,204	1,659	3,863
Orange	9,999	4,651	4,380	9,031
District Totals	14,180	6,855	6,039	12,894
<u>District 16</u>				
Robeson	9,884	4,537	5,860	10,397
Scotland	4,009	2,454	1,543	3,997
District Totals	13,893	6,991	7,403	14,394
<u>District 17A</u>				
Caswell	2,205	1,465	827	2,292
Rockingham	8,599	5,607	3,246	8,853
District Totals	10,804	7,072	4,073	11,145
<u>District 17B</u>				
Stokes	3,036	1,835	1,197	3,032
Surry	7,278	4,639	2,544	7,183
District Totals	10,314	6,474	3,741	10,215
<u>District 18</u>				
<u>Guilford</u>				
Greensboro	43,167	22,314	20,661	42,975
High Point	12,303	6,040	6,418	12,458
District Totals	55,470	28,354	27,079	55,433
<u>District 19A</u>				
Cabarrus	15,631	10,129	5,161	15,290
Rowan	11,161	7,106	3,600	10,706
District Totals	26,792	17,235	8,761	25,996
<u>District 19B</u>				
Montgomery	3,995	2,537	1,396	3,933
Randolph	9,456	6,114	3,131	9,245
District Totals	13,451	8,651	4,527	13,178

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
<u>District 20</u>				
Anson	3,086	1,934	1,121	3,055
Moore	6,798	3,880	3,040	6,920
Richmond	3,351	1,991	1,319	3,310
Stanly	4,624	2,719	1,921	4,640
Union	5,924	3,579	2,469	6,048
District Totals	23,783	14,103	9,870	23,973
<u>District 21</u>				
Forsyth	40,694	22,270	18,489	40,759
<u>District 22</u>				
Alexander	1,594	727	834	1,561
Davidson	12,499	7,583	4,638	12,221
Davie	3,040	2,227	1,122	3,349
Iredell	8,816	5,295	2,809	8,104
District Totals	25,949	15,832	9,403	25,235
<u>District 23</u>				
Alleghany	750	442	258	700
Ashe	2,066	1,340	746	2,086
Wilkes	5,357	3,544	2,342	5,886
Yadkin	4,095	2,447	1,639	4,086
District Totals	12,268	7,773	4,985	12,758
<u>District 24</u>				
Avery	1,941	1,034	1,019	2,053
Madison	1,577	962	517	1,479
Mitchell	976	598	421	1,019
Watauga	4,161	2,582	1,503	4,085
Yancey	1,573	1,049	534	1,583
District Totals	10,228	6,225	3,994	10,219
<u>District 25</u>				
Burke	9,659	6,547	3,142	9,689
Caldwell	7,006	3,991	2,933	6,924
Catawba	12,803	6,956	5,197	12,153
District Totals	29,468	17,494	11,272	28,766
<u>District 26</u>				
Mecklenburg	61,960	33,545	26,317	59,862
<u>District 27A</u>				
Gaston	16,258	8,509	7,624	16,133
<u>District 27B</u>				
Cleveland	7,061	4,422	2,531	6,953
Lincoln	3,863	2,122	1,776	3,898
District Totals	10,924	6,544	4,307	10,851
<u>District 28</u>				
Buncombe	17,188	11,992	6,150	18,142
<u>District 29</u>				
Henderson	6,924	5,106	1,851	6,957
McDowell	4,456	3,167	1,432	4,599
Polk	1,793	1,192	536	1,728
Rutherford	5,202	3,573	1,623	5,196
Transylvania	1,953	1,185	709	1,894
District Totals	20,328	14,223	6,151	20,374

# MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	<u>Total Filed</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>		
		<u>Waiver</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>
<u>District 30</u>				
Cherokee	2,042	1,221	688	1,909
Clay	564	389	139	528
Graham	471	344	148	492
Haywood	5,658	3,242	2,042	5,284
Jackson	2,454	1,531	936	2,467
Macon	2,821	1,845	790	2,635
Swain	835	534	339	873
District Totals	14,845	9,106	5,082	14,188
State Totals	768,403	437,665	319,952	757,617

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 1</u>						
Camden	8	140	148	133	89.8	15
Chowan	39	611	650	608	93.5	42
Currituck	54	608	662	596	90.0	66
Dare	380	1,387	1,767	1,138	64.4	629
Gates	22	216	238	227	95.3	11
Pasquotank	117	1,719	1,836	1,726	94.0	110
Perquimans	56	437	493	450	91.2	43
District Totals	676	5,118	5,794	4,878	84.1	916
<u>District 2</u>						
Beaufort	115	2,317	2,432	2,277	93.6	155
Hyde	69	482	551	519	94.1	32
Martin	76	1,264	1,340	1,244	92.8	96
Tyrrell	13	259	272	268	98.5	4
Washington	10	742	752	734	97.6	18
District Totals	283	5,064	5,347	5,042	94.2	305
<u>District 3</u>						
Carteret	700	4,687	5,387	4,355	80.8	1,032
Craven	587	4,875	5,462	4,836	88.5	626
Pamlico	66	459	525	483	92.0	42
Pitt	785	8,561	9,346	8,067	86.3	1,279
District Totals	2,138	18,582	20,720	17,741	85.6	2,979
<u>District 4</u>						
Duplin	158	2,124	2,282	2,159	94.6	123
Jones	48	508	556	497	89.3	59
Onslow	753	9,009	9,762	8,721	89.3	1,041
Sampson	341	2,759	3,100	2,752	88.7	348
District Totals	1,300	14,400	15,700	14,129	89.9	1,571
<u>District 5</u>						
New Hanover	1,034	9,731	10,765	9,536	88.5	1,229
Pender	120	1,019	1,139	1,046	91.8	93
District Totals	1,154	10,750	11,904	10,582	88.8	1,322
<u>District 6</u>						
Bertie	54	877	931	873	93.7	58
Halifax	480	3,733	4,213	3,775	89.6	438
Hertford	178	1,411	1,589	1,469	92.4	120
Northampton	65	976	1,041	960	92.2	81
District Totals	777	6,997	7,774	7,077	91.0	697
<u>District 7</u>						
Edgecombe	680	4,967	5,647	4,906	86.8	741
Nash	657	5,744	6,401	5,550	86.7	851
Wilson	1,068	4,760	5,828	4,832	82.9	996
District Totals	2,405	15,471	17,876	15,288	85.5	2,588
<u>District 8</u>						
Greene	41	832	873	819	93.8	54
Lenoir	451	4,527	4,978	4,461	89.6	517
Wayne	1,223	6,456	7,679	6,600	85.9	1,079
District Totals	1,715	11,815	13,530	11,880	87.8	1,650

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July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 9</u>						
Franklin	150	1,828	1,978	1,762	89.0	216
Granville	203	1,977	2,180	2,013	92.3	167
Person	175	1,485	1,660	1,475	88.8	185
Vance	269	2,730	2,999	2,769	92.3	230
Warren	86	821	907	853	94.0	54
District Totals	883	8,841	9,724	8,872	91.2	852
<u>District 10</u>						
Wake	4,804	25,734	30,538	25,380	83.1	5,158
<u>District 11</u>						
Harnett	337	3,278	3,615	3,286	90.8	329
Johnston	412	4,895	5,307	4,887	92.0	420
Lee	252	3,667	3,919	3,573	91.1	346
District Totals	1,001	11,840	12,841	11,746	91.4	1,095
<u>District 12</u>						
Cumberland	3,531	18,496	22,027	18,997	86.2	3,030
Hoke	158	1,343	1,501	1,347	89.7	154
District Totals	3,689	19,839	23,528	20,344	86.4	3,184
<u>District 13</u>						
Bladen	224	1,872	2,096	1,856	88.5	240
Brunswick	350	2,350	2,700	2,321	85.9	379
Columbus	352	3,605	3,957	3,601	91.0	356
District Totals	926	7,827	8,753	7,778	88.8	975
<u>District 14</u>						
Durham	2,194	12,309	14,503	12,178	83.9	2,325
<u>District 15A</u>						
Alamance	544	5,428	5,972	5,305	88.8	667
<u>District 15B</u>						
Chatham	219	1,777	1,996	1,804	90.3	192
Orange	595	3,475	4,070	3,583	88.0	487
District Totals	814	5,252	6,066	5,387	88.8	679
<u>District 16</u>						
Robeson	1,089	8,020	9,109	8,488	92.1	621
Scotland	233	2,924	3,157	2,852	90.3	305
District Totals	1,322	10,944	12,266	11,340	92.4	926
<u>District 17A</u>						
Caswell	60	779	839	791	94.2	48
Rockingham	373	4,955	5,328	4,941	92.7	387
District Totals	433	5,734	6,167	5,732	92.9	435
<u>District 17B</u>						
Stokes	99	997	1,096	1,016	92.7	80
Surry	288	2,657	2,945	2,712	92.0	233
District Totals	387	3,654	4,041	3,728	92.2	313
<u>District 18</u>						
Guilford	5,849	26,211	32,060	25,827	80.5	6,233

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	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 19A</u>						
Cabarrus	721	4,480	5,201	4,164	80.0	1,037
Rowan	363	3,698	4,061	3,736	91.9	325
District Totals	1,084	8,178	9,262	7,900	85.2	1,362
<u>District 19B</u>						
Montgomery	211	1,950	2,161	1,881	87.0	280
Randolph	625	4,249	4,874	4,436	91.0	438
District Totals	836	6,199	7,035	6,317	89.7	718
<u>District 20</u>						
Anson	320	1,643	1,963	1,733	88.2	230
Moore	377	3,615	3,992	3,635	91.0	357
Richmond	216	3,021	3,237	3,061	94.5	176
Stanly	208	2,104	2,312	2,095	90.6	217
Union	378	3,530	3,908	3,513	89.8	395
District Totals	1,499	13,913	15,412	14,037	91.0	1,375
<u>District 21</u>						
Forsyth	2,676	16,259	18,935	16,919	89.3	2,016
<u>District 22</u>						
Alexander	102	1,042	1,144	1,029	89.9	115
Davidson	804	6,304	7,108	6,144	86.4	964
Davie	99	851	950	846	89.0	104
Iredell	731	5,212	5,943	5,041	84.8	902
District Totals	1,736	13,409	15,145	13,060	86.2	2,085
<u>District 23</u>						
Alleghany	26	417	443	429	96.8	14
Ashe	58	711	769	710	92.3	59
Wilkes	319	2,791	3,110	2,787	89.6	323
Yadkin	101	1,077	1,178	985	83.6	193
District Totals	504	4,996	5,500	4,911	89.2	589
<u>District 24</u>						
Avery	70	283	353	224	63.4	129
Madison	63	483	546	411	75.2	135
Mitchell	53	352	405	349	86.1	56
Watauga	158	1,393	1,551	1,327	85.5	224
Yancey	63	419	482	419	86.9	63
District Totals	407	2,930	3,337	2,730	81.8	607
<u>District 25</u>						
Burke	435	3,604	4,039	3,540	87.6	499
Caldwell	363	3,188	3,551	3,124	87.9	427
Catawba	601	5,602	6,203	5,380	86.7	823
District Totals	1,399	12,394	13,793	12,044	87.3	1,749
<u>District 26</u>						
Mecklenburg	6,830	30,069	36,899	30,281	82.0	6,618
<u>District 27A</u>						
Gaston	2,165	11,797	13,962	11,693	83.7	2,269

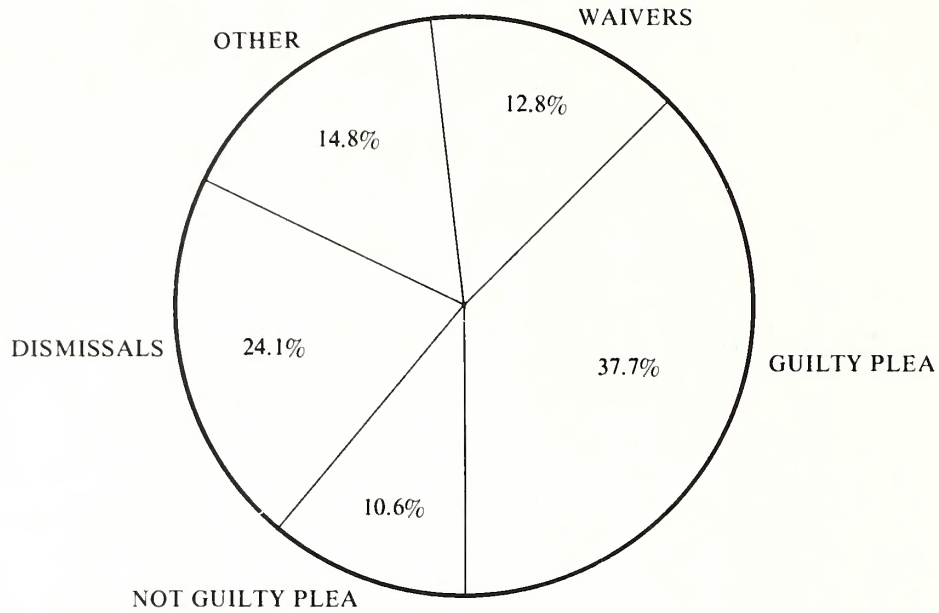
# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
<u>District 27B</u>						
Cleveland	374	4,301	4,675	4,305	92.0	370
Lincoln	200	2,123	2,323	2,104	90.5	219
District Totals	574	6,424	6,998	6,409	91.5	589
<u>District 28</u>						
Buncombe	1,082	10,382	11,464	10,090	88.0	1,374
<u>District 29</u>						
Henderson	642	3,101	3,743	3,171	84.7	572
McDowell	161	1,249	1,410	1,286	91.2	124
Polk	91	565	656	530	80.7	126
Rutherford	457	2,804	3,261	2,595	79.5	666
Transylvania	164	1,285	1,449	1,230	84.8	219
District Totals	1,515	9,004	10,519	8,812	83.7	1,707
<u>District 30</u>						
Cherokee	162	706	868	717	82.6	151
Clay	39	124	163	151	92.6	12
Graham	33	425	458	397	86.6	61
Haywood	317	1,973	2,290	2,033	88.7	257
Jackson	101	748	849	751	88.4	98
Macon	283	590	873	702	80.4	171
Swain	54	450	504	455	90.2	49
District Totals	989	5,016	6,005	5,206	86.6	799
State Totals	56,590	382,780	439,370	380,643	86.6	58,727

# METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES

1983-1984



Guilty pleas continue to account for the largest number of dispositions of motor vehicle cases in the district

courts. The waivers depicted here are worthless check cases.

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Waiver			Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea		Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial		% Disposed By Waiver
	Total Disposed	Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate			Dismissal	Other	
<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	133	1	0	26	37	18	0	4	8	0	39	.7
Chowan	608	41	6	221	76	110	0	36	62	0	56	7.7
Currituck	596	8	8	140	144	84	0	40	112	0	60	2.6
Dare	1,138	2	1	494	109	145	1	26	222	0	138	.2
Gates	227	5	4	63	57	30	0	13	24	0	31	3.9
Pasquotank	1,726	62	47	645	61	366	0	117	349	0	79	6.3
Perquimans	450	5	0	89	75	87	2	15	109	0	68	1.1
District Totals	4,878	124	66	1,678	559	840	3	251	886	0	471	3.8
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	2,277	313	48	803	209	426	10	129	139	0	200	15.8
Hyde	519	1	13	117	101	75	1	31	71	0	109	2.6
Martin	1,244	186	56	452	41	178	0	141	60	0	130	19.4
Tyrrell	268	5	5	98	22	45	0	17	10	0	66	3.7
Washington	734	126	16	242	50	151	0	78	44	0	27	19.3
District Totals	5,042	631	138	1,712	423	875	11	396	324	0	532	15.2
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	4,355	453	99	1,428	625	160	0	246	1,202	0	142	12.6
Craven	4,836	772	247	1,417	232	382	0	149	1,331	0	306	21.0
Pamlico	483	8	34	113	122	50	0	16	127	0	13	8.6
Pitt	8,067	1,511	996	2,491	146	719	0	598	1,413	0	193	31.0
District Totals	17,741	2,744	1,376	5,449	1,125	1,311	0	1,009	4,073	0	654	23.2
<u>District 4</u>												
Duplin	2,159	208	189	768	3	54	0	243	303	0	391	18.3
Jones	497	10	24	117	80	71	0	15	87	0	93	6.8
Onslow	8,721	941	806	3,987	198	457	0	7	1,163	0	1,162	20.0
Sampson	2,752	570	287	954	12	123	2	0	322	0	482	31.1
District Totals	14,129	1,729	1,306	5,826	293	705	2	265	1,875	0	2,128	21.4
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	9,536	767	272	3,278	117	1,279	1	1,256	1,406	0	1,160	10.8
Pender	1,046	26	10	388	119	146	0	74	194	0	89	3.4
District Totals	10,582	793	282	3,666	236	1,425	1	1,330	1,600	0	1,240	10.1
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	873	8	34	269	61	204	0	62	113	0	122	4.8
Halifax	3,775	212	82	1,265	369	647	0	133	648	0	419	7.7
Hertford	1,469	140	69	485	63	187	2	109	142	0	272	14.2
Northampton	960	53	66	232	140	136	2	62	123	0	146	12.3
District Totals	7,077	413	251	2,251	633	1,174	4	366	1,026	0	959	9.3
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	4,906	622	294	1,623	219	687	1	183	1,030	0	247	18.6
Nash	5,550	1,131	315	1,930	265	598	0	120	914	0	277	26.0
Wilson	4,832	638	305	1,919	83	403	0	284	1,091	0	104	19.5
District Totals	15,288	2,391	914	5,472	572	1,688	1	587	3,035	0	628	21.6
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	819	140	3	229	44	81	0	42	148	0	132	17.4
Lenoir	4,461	146	0	1,341	643	466	0	169	1,146	0	550	3.2
Wayne	6,600	343	733	2,392	128	177	0	46	2,037	0	744	16.3
District Totals	11,880	629	736	3,962	815	724	0	257	3,331	0	1,426	11.4

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	Total Disposed	Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea		Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial		% Disposed By Waiver
		Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate			Dismissal	Other	
District 9												
Franklin	1,762	357	62	507	32	251	0	110	344	0	99	23.7
Granville	2,013	165	148	748	84	253	1	182	295	0	137	15.5
Person	1,475	119	5	449	86	302	0	70	269	0	175	8.4
Vance	2,769	298	153	917	34	366	1	97	421	0	482	16.2
Warren	853	41	24	234	75	205	0	42	178	0	54	7.6
District Totals	8,872	980	392	2,855	311	1,377	2	501	1,507	0	947	15.4
District 10												
Wake	25,380	236	5,276	8,302	36	1,701	0	1,714	6,626	0	1,489	21.7
District 11												
Harnett	3,286	412	363	933	106	330	0	189	571	0	382	23.5
Johnston	4,887	601	407	1,734	78	505	0	291	837	0	434	20.6
Lee	3,573	772	61	1,147	8	465	0	256	552	0	312	23.3
District Totals	11,746	1,785	831	3,814	192	1,300	0	736	1,960	0	1,128	22.2
District 12												
Cumberland	18,997	238	4,573	5,450	209	1,628	0	46	5,134	0	1,719	25.3
Hoke	1,347	47	250	441	39	239	0	1	230	0	100	22.0
District Totals	20,344	285	4,823	5,891	248	1,867	0	47	5,364	0	1,819	25.1
District 13												
Bladen	1,856	70	165	637	136	197	0	90	430	0	131	12.6
Brunswick	2,321	119	27	607	394	270	0	102	729	0	73	6.2
Columbus	3,601	207	654	1,083	64	358	0	177	885	0	173	23.9
District Totals	7,778	396	846	2,327	594	825	0	369	2,044	0	377	15.9
District 14												
Durham	12,178	368	722	5,648	14	623	0	258	3,395	0	1,150	8.9
District 15A												
Alamance	5,305	400	26	2,238	167	853	0	470	879	0	272	8.0
District 15B												
Chatham	1,804	83	77	438	578	87	9	122	308	0	102	8.8
Orange	3,583	373	30	1,092	143	256	1	137	1,059	0	492	11.2
District Totals	5,387	456	107	1,530	721	343	10	259	1,367	0	594	10.4
District 16												
Robeson	8,488	1,169	135	4,091	18	1,067	0	858	591	0	559	15.3
Scotland	2,852	306	28	1,310	92	390	0	154	210	0	362	11.7
District Totals	11,340	1,475	163	5,401	110	1,457	0	1,012	801	0	921	14.4
District 17A												
Caswell	791	26	0	195	57	246	1	94	74	0	98	3.2
Rockingham	4,941	245	22	1,579	205	1,178	0	157	707	0	848	5.4
District Totals	5,732	271	22	1,774	262	1,424	1	251	781	0	946	5.1
District 17B												
Stokes	1,016	66	45	218	46	144	1	48	247	0	201	10.9
Surry	2,712	213	1	630	156	369	0	101	589	0	653	7.8
District Totals	3,728	279	46	848	202	513	1	149	836	0	854	8.7
District 18												
Guilford	25,827	295	955	9,079	1,701	2,405	0	896	8,049	0	2,447	4.8

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		Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate			Dismissal	Other	
District 19A												
Cabarrus	4,164	313	113	1,283	347	812	2	286	671	0	337	10.2
Rowan	3,736	106	113	1,062	244	881	2	506	555	0	267	5.8
District Totals	7,900	419	226	2,345	591	1,693	4	792	1,226	0	604	8.1
District 19B												
Montgomery	1,881	142	3	327	458	377	0	99	420	0	55	7.7
Randolph	4,436	724	0	1,514	93	665	0	326	943	0	171	16.3
District Totals	6,317	866	3	1,841	551	1,042	0	425	1,363	0	226	13.7
District 20												
Anson	1,733	168	4	419	153	293	0	175	485	0	36	9.9
Moore	3,635	395	331	833	112	409	0	287	617	0	651	19.9
Richmond	3,061	201	56	759	133	472	0	220	599	0	621	8.3
Stanly	2,095	306	5	463	146	328	0	285	409	0	153	14.8
Union	3,513	599	0	934	49	672	0	442	651	0	166	17.0
District Totals	14,037	1,669	396	3,408	593	2,174	0	1,409	2,761	0	1,627	14.7
District 21												
Forsyth	16,919	3	1,664	4,968	52	2,869	0	1,719	4,609	0	1,035	9.8
District 22												
Alexander	1,029	22	65	254	37	89	0	37	286	0	239	8.4
Davidson	6,144	203	106	1,876	320	790	0	127	1,834	0	888	5.0
Davie	846	52	23	235	3	158	0	42	225	0	108	8.8
Iredell	5,041	364	15	1,656	406	649	0	206	1,435	0	310	7.5
District Totals	13,060	641	209	4,021	766	1,686	0	412	3,780	0	1,545	6.5
District 23												
Alleghany	429	28	5	122	17	83	0	68	71	0	35	7.6
Ashe	710	27	53	215	74	140	0	51	120	0	30	11.2
Wilkes	2,787	262	142	818	141	657	0	212	337	0	218	14.4
Yadkin	985	34	2	308	50	251	0	103	156	0	81	3.6
District Totals	4,911	351	202	1,463	282	1,131	0	434	684	0	364	11.2
District 24												
Avery	224	41	0	40	8	22	3	41	53	0	16	18.3
Madison	411	1	0	60	33	44	0	5	161	0	107	.2
Mitchell	349	15	1	89	16	41	0	21	111	0	55	4.5
Watauga	1,327	232	85	153	60	86	13	38	289	0	371	23.8
Yancey	419	6	8	55	75	74	7	33	137	0	24	3.3
District Totals	2,730	295	94	397	192	267	23	138	751	0	573	14.2
District 25												
Burke	3,540	213	175	863	121	225	0	400	1,263	0	280	10.9
Caldwell	3,124	181	0	929	272	253	0	480	707	0	302	5.7
Catawba	5,380	470	183	1,760	204	492	0	343	1,407	0	521	12.1
District Totals	12,044	864	358	3,552	597	970	0	1,223	3,377	0	1,103	10.1
District 26												
Mecklenburg	30,281	786	4	9,617	2,277	2,027	0	2,460	11,613	0	1,497	2.6
District 27A												
Gaston	11,693	354	192	3,830	259	1,183	0	134	3,888	0	1,853	4.6
District 27B												
Cleveland	4,305	518	2	1,359	11	453	0	340	1,147	0	475	12.0
Lincoln	2,104	216	89	559	187	213	6	32	557	0	245	14.4
District Totals	6,409	734	91	1,918	198	666	6	372	1,704	0	720	12.8

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Total Disposed	Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea		Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
		Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate					
<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	10,090	1,102	639	4,765	48	320	0	736	2,191	0	289	17.2
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	3,171	11	7	1,107	434	116	0	407	962	0	127	.5
McDowell	1,286	95	27	485	140	94	0	159	250	0	36	9.4
Polk	530	3	5	181	12	15	0	19	203	0	92	1.5
Rutherford	2,595	240	2	862	201	286	0	163	506	0	335	9.3
Transylvania	1,230	31	29	441	172	54	1	31	343	0	128	4.8
District Totals	8,812	380	70	3,076	959	565	1	779	2,264	0	718	5.1
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	717	4	32	186	10	12	0	54	218	0	201	5.0
Clay	151	2	13	57	3	10	0	19	45	0	2	9.9
Graham	397	0	10	99	81	19	1	6	146	0	35	2.5
Haywood	2,033	44	11	604	100	198	0	294	739	0	43	2.7
Jackson	751	24	17	147	170	19	0	4	156	0	214	5.4
Macon	702	21	5	151	68	20	0	112	272	0	53	3.7
Swain	455	23	0	102	74	18	0	36	174	0	28	5.0
District Totals	5,206	118	88	1,346	506	296	1	525	1,750	0	576	3.9
State Totals	380,643	25,262	23,514	126,270	17,085	40,319	71	22,681	91,720	0	33,721	12.8

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/84 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 1																
Camden	15	20.3	19.0	15	0	0	0	0	133	29.9	18.0	111	18	2	0	
Chowan	42	165.6	30.0	31	0	0	4	7	608	21.4	15.0	571	31	4	0	
Currituck	66	19.5	12.0	65	1	0	0	0	596	27.3	16.0	543	36	8	3	
Dare	629	361.1	347.0	194	16	17	116	286	1,138	35.5	23.0	980	116	18	3	
Gates	11	22.1	10.0	9	2	0	0	0	227	23.0	18.0	214	13	0	0	
Pasquotank	110	38.5	16.0	90	11	6	2	1	1,726	30.6	21.5	1,573	114	18	7	
Perquimans	43	148.1	54.0	23	5	4	6	5	450	23.7	18.0	411	32	7	0	
District Totals	916	269.1	107.0	427	35	27	128	299	4,878	29.2	20.0	4,403	360	57	13	
District 2																
Beaufort	155	68.6	19.0	123	11	5	9	7	2,277	17.3	7.0	2,183	48	11	4	
Hyde	32	66.7	30.0	28	0	0	3	1	519	29.6	15.0	465	29	7	2	
Martin	96	134.3	59.0	49	9	16	14	8	1,244	23.0	8.0	1,164	55	13	5	
Tyrrell	4	15.8	4.5	4	0	0	0	0	268	24.6	18.0	250	11	5	1	
Washington	18	40.1	22.0	13	4	1	0	0	734	14.9	9.0	714	15	5	0	
District Totals	305	86.7	23.0	217	24	22	26	16	5,042	20.0	9.0	4,776	158	41	12	
District 3																
Carteret	1,032	129.6	40.0	641	181	68	49	93	4,355	48.8	22.0	3,492	569	108	58	
Craven	626	65.7	31.0	406	124	42	46	8	4,836	39.6	19.0	3,960	559	184	43	
Pamlico	42	116.7	41.5	30	6	2	0	4	483	47.4	16.0	413	29	18	11	
Pitt	1,279	111.8	38.0	816	232	78	87	66	8,067	40.3	21.0	6,814	803	217	74	
District Totals	2,979	108.3	37.0	1,893	543	190	182	171	17,741	42.4	21.0	14,679	1,960	527	186	
District 4																
Duplin	123	41.3	17.0	101	10	3	3	1	2,159	37.2	21.0	1,776	279	38	8	
Jones	59	81.1	15.0	39	9	2	4	5	497	33.5	18.0	445	33	9	4	
Onslow	1,041	47.4	36.0	777	187	39	38	0	8,721	28.6	14.0	7,461	959	206	4	
Sampson	348	53.3	31.0	270	38	9	27	4	2,752	45.9	32.0	2,084	527	105	12	
District Totals	1,571	49.5	31.0	1,187	244	53	77	10	14,129	33.5	19.0	11,766	1,798	358	28	
District 5																
New Hanover	1,229	103.1	38.0	743	176	140	87	83	9,536	36.0	17.0	8,291	759	159	118	
Pender	93	114.8	25.0	64	9	2	8	10	1,046	34.6	16.0	895	107	30	9	
District Totals	1,322	103.9	38.0	807	185	142	95	93	10,582	35.9	17.0	9,186	866	189	127	
District 6																
Bertie	58	39.1	11.0	49	3	2	4	0	873	27.4	14.0	782	68	14	2	
Halifax	438	107.8	47.0	243	49	32	107	7	3,775	43.4	22.0	3,029	434	166	23	
Hertford	120	80.9	22.5	81	13	8	12	6	1,469	40.6	21.0	1,167	219	40	12	
Northampton	81	37.8	24.0	65	12	3	1	0	960	30.1	17.0	817	104	20	0	
District Totals	697	89.3	37.0	438	77	45	124	13	7,077	39.0	20.0	5,795	825	240	37	

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AGES OF CASES PENDING 6/30/84 AND AGES OF CASES DISPOSED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983-84

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)						
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180				181-365	>365	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 7																
Edgecombe	741	94.6	45.0	416	118	122	53	32	42.7	23.0	3,897	670	229	75	35	
Nash	851	81.7	44.0	488	203	64	79	17	40.8	22.0	4,432	766	224	97	31	
Willson	996	289.8	106.0	413	128	88	120	247	74.0	36.0	3,191	826	336	392	87	
District Totals	2,588	165.5	59.5	1,317	449	274	252	296	51.9	27.0	11,520	2,262	789	564	153	
District 8																
Greene	54	33.0	18.0	38	14	2	0	0	30.2	17.0	693	99	18	9	0	
Lenoir	517	46.3	26.0	394	75	26	20	2	41.1	25.0	3,459	729	190	70	13	
Wayne	1,079	61.0	31.0	708	206	90	71	4	59.8	38.0	4,423	1,349	449	327	52	
District Totals	1,650	55.5	30.0	1,140	295	118	91	6	50.7	31.0	8,575	2,177	657	406	65	
District 9																
Franklin	216	151.8	26.0	160	12	5	10	29	62.5	12.0	1,563	110	25	21	43	
Granville	167	128.0	32.0	115	19	11	9	13	32.2	17.0	1,735	205	43	23	7	
Person	185	143.7	32.0	113	22	6	6	38	42.6	22.0	1,278	136	16	11	34	
Vance	230	75.7	19.0	169	24	19	9	9	33.7	18.0	2,381	275	62	40	11	
Warren	54	108.4	40.0	32	5	8	4	5	27.0	15.0	753	68	29	2	1	
District Totals	852	122.1	26.0	589	82	49	38	94	39.9	17.0	7,710	794	175	97	96	
District 10																
Wake	5,158	111.3	55.5	2,716	1,097	523	565	257	71.9	37.0	16,347	4,780	1,657	2,090	506	
District 11																
Harnett	329	125.6	32.0	214	39	23	25	28	33.3	18.0	2,831	277	107	63	8	
Johnston	420	104.8	32.0	292	72	27	6	23	37.1	20.0	4,059	548	140	127	13	
Lee	346	71.9	40.0	225	81	29	4	7	31.1	14.0	3,108	317	81	44	23	
District Totals	1,095	100.7	36.0	731	192	79	35	58	34.2	17.0	9,998	1,142	328	234	44	
District 12																
Cumberland	3,030	67.2	39.0	1,894	563	387	150	36	67.1	44.0	11,902	4,036	1,653	1,253	153	
Hoke	154	50.2	26.0	121	14	13	5	1	41.2	25.0	1,061	178	65	43	0	
District Totals	3,184	66.4	38.0	2,015	577	400	155	37	65.4	43.0	12,963	4,214	1,718	1,296	153	
District 13																
Bladen	240	114.9	31.0	160	21	15	15	29	50.8	27.0	1,453	268	67	29	39	
Brunswick	379	183.9	37.0	243	43	15	17	61	50.8	24.0	1,845	308	75	42	51	
Columbus	356	55.4	30.0	287	42	11	7	9	33.8	22.0	3,062	428	70	34	7	
District Totals	975	120.0	32.0	690	106	41	39	99	42.9	24.0	6,360	1,004	212	105	97	
District 14																
Durham	2,325	206.4	67.0	1,087	424	135	203	476	50.7	29.0	8,975	2,151	580	359	113	

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		0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	
District 15A															
Alamance	667	118.5	26.0	461	42	20	48	96	32.6	18.0	4,755	350	63	91	46
District 15B															
Chatham	192	51.1	26.0	145	27	9	7	4	36.0	22.0	1,497	222	60	20	5
Orange	487	136.5	51.0	293	72	19	61	42	54.9	29.0	2,745	486	143	110	99
District Totals	679	112.4	37.0	438	99	28	68	46	48.6	27.0	4,242	708	203	130	104
District 16															
Robeson	621	51.8	26.0	484	85	32	11	9	42.6	20.0	7,161	746	286	220	75
Scotland	305	215.4	50.0	159	24	33	35	54	31.9	15.0	2,614	144	34	34	26
District Totals	926	105.7	26.0	643	109	65	46	63	39.9	19.0	9,775	890	320	254	101
District 17A															
Caswell	48	64.2	32.0	32	8	3	4	1	24.3	15.0	750	27	8	4	2
Rockingham	387	42.1	22.0	322	38	14	10	3	31.0	21.0	4,430	376	84	41	10
District Totals	435	44.5	23.0	354	46	17	14	4	30.1	20.0	5,180	403	92	45	12
District 17B															
Stokes	80	43.0	36.0	64	10	4	2	0	35.0	24.5	859	126	17	12	2
Surry	233	38.3	16.0	198	15	14	2	4	33.4	23.0	2,402	230	63	13	4
District Totals	313	39.5	18.0	262	25	18	4	4	33.8	24.0	3,261	356	80	25	6
District 18															
Guilford	6,233	106.8	60.0	3,121	1,406	697	742	267	90.2	44.0	15,609	5,535	1,749	1,552	1,382
District 19A															
Cabarrus	1,037	274.1	50.0	552	74	16	61	334	35.1	24.5	3,641	395	74	42	12
Rowan	325	86.2	23.0	259	20	7	17	22	32.9	21.0	3,304	289	73	59	11
District Totals	1,362	229.3	37.0	811	94	23	78	356	34.1	23.0	6,945	684	147	101	23
District 19B															
Montgomery	280	49.1	26.0	212	34	25	5	4	32.4	21.0	1,618	198	40	23	2
Randolph	438	56.7	32.0	301	100	23	10	4	49.7	34.0	3,317	793	153	163	10
District Totals	718	53.7	26.0	513	134	48	15	8	44.5	30.0	4,935	991	193	186	12
District 20															
Anson	230	104.1	37.0	146	30	16	24	14	47.6	31.0	1,318	316	60	26	13
Moore	357	59.2	16.0	285	40	8	9	15	33.9	17.0	3,118	359	95	41	22
Richmond	176	54.8	14.5	147	16	3	1	9	31.9	16.0	2,848	131	28	27	27
Stanly	217	24.0	11.0	195	16	4	2	0	30.2	18.0	1,916	126	18	19	16
Union	395	242.1	29.0	229	58	18	31	59	29.1	17.0	3,237	192	34	35	15
District Totals	1,375	113.1	19.0	1,002	160	49	67	97	33.4	19.0	12,437	1,124	235	148	93

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		61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365			
<u>District 21</u>																
Forsyth	2,016	92.6	31.0	1,306	296	140	197	77	16,919	104.0	22.0	14,280	976	212	301	1,150
<u>District 22</u>																
Alexander	115	56.5	25.0	89	18	2	3	3	1,029	39.2	21.0	902	79	22	17	9
Davidson	964	76.6	30.5	701	113	50	63	37	6,144	45.0	21.0	4,914	739	214	216	61
Davie	104	174.0	80.0	47	31	11	7	8	846	36.9	22.0	668	159	12	3	4
Iredell	902	152.8	29.0	644	92	30	19	117	5,041	41.4	28.0	4,217	600	111	92	21
District Totals	2,085	113.3	30.0	1,481	254	93	92	165	13,060	42.6	24.0	10,701	1,577	359	328	95
<u>District 23</u>																
Alleghany	14	56.7	51.5	11	0	3	0	0	429	29.7	22.0	373	43	12	1	0
Ashe	59	268.4	150.0	22	7	2	11	17	710	24.2	14.0	647	55	4	1	3
Wilkes	323	265.5	82.0	146	35	11	44	87	2,787	29.9	15.0	2,529	195	25	23	15
Yadkin	193	13.4	2.0	180	12	0	1	0	985	36.4	22.0	807	136	28	12	2
District Totals	589	178.2	30.0	359	54	16	56	104	4,911	30.4	15.0	4,356	429	69	37	20
<u>District 24</u>																
Avery	129	376.0	131.0	24	37	13	12	43	224	62.8	22.0	190	21	3	2	8
Madison	135	156.3	74.0	59	21	19	25	11	411	48.1	30.0	310	62	18	20	1
Mitchell	56	101.2	29.0	39	6	1	6	4	349	96.3	36.0	247	60	15	10	17
Watauga	224	125.4	81.0	94	54	24	42	10	1,327	47.1	16.0	1,092	124	34	60	17
Yancey	63	137.6	44.0	39	6	4	4	10	419	34.4	24.0	359	48	9	1	2
District Totals	607	184.6	81.0	255	124	61	89	78	2,730	52.9	22.0	2,198	315	79	93	45
<u>District 25</u>																
Burke	499	69.3	43.0	314	117	36	22	10	3,540	49.9	28.0	2,674	597	132	101	36
Caldwell	427	62.2	38.0	298	69	33	22	5	3,124	41.4	25.0	2,571	374	89	77	13
Catawba	823	71.1	32.0	543	144	81	37	18	5,380	40.7	23.0	4,424	607	176	157	16
District Totals	1,749	68.4	38.0	1,155	330	150	81	33	12,044	43.6	25.0	9,669	1,578	397	335	65
<u>District 26</u>																
Mecklenburg	6,618	172.0	65.0	3,185	1,208	545	769	911	30,281	81.7	40.0	18,122	6,364	2,377	2,759	659
<u>District 27A</u>																
Gaston	2,269	128.0	52.0	1,207	401	174	301	186	11,693	59.1	35.0	8,566	1,925	490	420	292
<u>District 27B</u>																
Cleveland	370	54.5	24.0	292	44	12	12	10	4,305	30.8	20.0	3,800	396	70	32	7
Lincoln	219	45.1	23.0	186	13	8	11	1	2,104	36.4	25.0	1,801	241	22	36	4
District Totals	589	51.0	23.0	478	57	20	23	11	6,409	32.6	22.0	5,601	637	92	68	11
<u>District 28</u>																
Buncombe	1,374	84.1	32.0	879	183	124	149	39	10,090	40.4	22.0	8,671	786	251	343	39

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				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365				>365	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365
District 29															
Henderson	572	251.8	99.0	241	62	38	63	168	47.4	29.0	2,447	519	102	63	40
McDowell	124	94.1	44.0	85	15	7	11	6	35.5	25.0	1,086	162	21	14	3
Polk	126	283.9	124.0	27	6	51	8	34	44.6	26.5	412	85	21	7	5
Rutherford	666	157.5	39.0	409	73	23	57	104	67.2	30.0	1,907	446	92	75	75
Transylvania	219	104.4	67.0	106	27	27	59	0	58.5	37.5	798	262	118	43	9
District Totals	1,707	187.0	57.0	868	183	146	198	312	52.9	29.0	6,650	1,474	354	202	132
District 30															
Cherokee	151	110.6	31.0	99	22	4	5	21	70.4	44.0	442	189	42	25	19
Clay	12	58.5	41.5	8	3	0	1	0	99.1	38.0	93	16	13	20	9
Graham	61	68.5	60.0	36	19	0	3	3	32.1	22.0	348	35	9	5	0
Haywood	257	115.7	45.0	146	58	9	14	30	60.1	22.0	1,673	175	55	35	95
Jackson	98	80.5	35.0	59	17	4	18	0	58.7	20.0	589	72	18	39	33
Macon	171	876.7	732.0	27	6	10	22	106	270.8	33.0	480	70	7	19	126
Swain	49	144.8	39.0	32	2	8	2	5	39.1	23.0	395	44	6	3	7
District Totals	799	270.6	60.0	407	127	35	65	165	86.9	25.0	4,020	601	150	146	289
State Totals	58,727	124.6	44.0	34,439	9,662	4,567	5,112	4,947	54.5	26.0	293,026	52,194	15,440	13,777	6,206

# RANKINGS FOR THE 34 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED\*

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civii	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
I	1	23	29	17	5	28	21	27
	2	15	28	24	16	33	22	1
	3	17	25	10	11	14	25	24
	4	21	1	12	24	22	27	10
	5	22	3	4	1	3	29	14
	6	5	17	18	25	32	6	8
	7	8	4	3	6	31	28	25
	8	24	7	11	10	15	7	19
II	9	16	27	32	2	12	16	7
	10	13	26	25	33	19	19	31
	11	2	10	8	20	20	5	6
	12	29	20	9	3	6	26	22
	13	30	15	7	19	30	23	15
	14	11	21	26	31	2	31	28
	15A	33	31	14	15	18	1	16
	15B	7	11	15	27	34	33	17
	16	26	9	23	13	16	14	3
III	17A	3	2	2	18	23	3	2
	17B	9	6	5	8	13	10	4
	18	34	23	31	12	4	13	34
	19A	14	14	19	14	10	24	26
	19B	31	33	27	7	9	18	11
	20	27	13	13	22	25	32	8
	21	12	5	1	17	1	12	12
	22	6	22	6	9	6	9	23
	23	20	32	28	21	18	2	13
IV	24	19	34	34	34	26	20	33
	25	10	18	20	29	11	17	20
	26	28	24	30	23	27	8	32
	27A	1	8	21	26	8	11	29
	27B	18	12	33	4	5	15	5
	28	4	19	16	30	29	4	18
	29	25	16	22	28	21	30	30
	30	32	30	29	32	24	34	21

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# RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED\*

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

Judicial District	County	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
1	Camden	99	92	87	36	73	62	46
	Chowan	97	91	44	86	94	59	14
	Currituck	18	12	13	59	26	26	43
	Dare	96	30	48	1	81	67	99
	Gates	41	77	86	3	71	40	4
	Pasquotank	20	74	28	45	39	51	9
	Perquimans	14	97	89	96	90	72	32
2	Beaufort	51	84	63	22	100	70	13
	Hyde	34	32	8	30	65	93	8
	Martin	32	41	98	79	96	57	16
	Tyrrell	66	35	3	84	52	7	1
	Washington	54	66	74	29	12	2	2
3	Carteret	61	78	31	6	33	85	92
	Craven	59	45	14	75	49	71	60
	Pamlico	86	36	75	8	87	95	28
	Pitt	49	68	43	34	27	49	76
4	Duplin	42	26	25	66	68	45	5
	Jones	87	3	21	63	97	89	53
	Onslow	77	11	61	71	47	90	52
	Sampson	33	4	1	50	56	15	58
5	New Hanover	55	20	16	2	3	81	61
	Pender	90	22	15	65	82	86	30
6	Bertie	4	19	60	62	69	20	12
	Halifax	39	43	41	90	98	36	48
	Hertford	8	27	52	11	77	32	20
	Northampton	22	87	88	31	61	5	24
7	Edgecombe	7	17	18	4	75	91	71
	Nash	43	9	7	25	76	75	73
	Wilson	37	34	27	52	86	83	89
8	Greene	16	88	81	19	74	4	11
	Lenoir	53	21	23	9	19	28	49
	Wayne	76	18	36	48	44	31	80
9	Franklin	38	90	85	20	89	54	54
	Granville	28	75	80	5	1	64	22
	Person	57	42	91	13	57	48	57
	Vance	45	51	57	16	5	47	21
	Warren	91	71	84	7	66	1	10
10	Wake	40	64	70	91	50	52	88
11	Harnett	9	8	4	46	60	18	37
	Johnston	5	39	30	28	15	19	27
	Lee	10	47	45	93	92	39	33
12	Cumberland	73	48	34	17	13	74	77
	Hoke	44	7	19	54	37	14	47
13	Bladen	46	86	49	14	21	12	62
	Brunswick	62	73	73	42	41	78	79
	Columbus	81	6	9	78	95	41	34
14	Durham	35	55	68	81	8	84	85
15A	Alamance	89	80	37	44	45	11	56
15B	Chatham	31	76	64	64	84	87	40
	Orange	15	25	24	77	99	97	66
16	Robeson	71	16	39	26	23	46	15
	Scotland	52	72	90	67	79	22	41

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# RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED\*

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

Judicial District	County	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
17A	Caswell Rockingham	1	2	2	35	31	42	7
		12	24	12	56	64	16	17
17B	Stokes Surry	80	5	50	23	25	50	18
		23	40	11	33	38	25	26
18	Guilford	94	61	78	38	11	38	94
19A	Cabarrus Rowan	58	49	69	47	43	68	96
		26	31	29	39	14	63	29
19B	Montgomery Randolph	100	98	54	41	48	94	69
		72	82	83	24	10	21	35
20	Anson	48	37	94	99	91	27	64
	Moore	30	10	17	57	32	79	36
	Richmond	95	57	10	73	93	100	6
	Stanly	84	14	22	32	83	82	38
	Union	69	69	26	10	7	76	45
21	Forsyth	36	23	5	53	2	37	51
22	Alexander	17	67	6	15	30	34	44
	Davidson	11	50	20	21	4	6	75
	Davie	27	65	51	12	46	96	55
	Iredell	29	59	35	51	16	33	82
23	Alleghany	2	99	77	68	24	17	3
	Ashe	47	96	97	43	40	13	23
	Wilkes	75	63	76	74	53	8	50
	Yadkin	60	95	53	55	36	44	87
24	Avery	19	70	65	69	85	73	100
	Madison	92	83	99	60	88	58	98
	Mitchell	63	85	58	100	42	9	78
	Watauga	3	94	100	82	63	53	70
	Yancey	78	100	40	89	35	56	81
25	Burke	68	33	72	72	22	24	68
	Caldwell	21	54	55	85	28	61	67
	Catawba	25	44	46	76	20	60	72
26	Mecklenburg	70	62	79	61	70	30	91
27A	Gaston	6	28	59	70	17	35	86
27B	Cleveland Lincoln	50	53	71	18	9	65	25
		74	13	92	27	18	3	39
28	Buncombe	13	46	42	80	72	23	65
29	Henderson	65	60	95	58	34	99	84
	McDowell	79	15	38	92	29	55	31
	Polk	24	38	62	87	6	10	93
	Rutherford	56	29	47	40	78	69	97
	Transylvania	64	56	56	94	67	80	83
30	Cherokee	85	89	33	97	59	92	90
	Clay	88	1	67	37	51	29	19
	Graham	67	93	96	98	58	66	74
	Haywood	93	79	93	49	54	77	59
	Jackson	83	81	32	88	80	43	63
	Macon	82	52	66	95	62	88	95
	Swain	98	58	82	83	55	98	42

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